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OUTLINES.

Li Hung Chang says negotiations are at a deadlock. —— Imperial Chinese troops attacked a small force of Germans; the latter lost one man killed and seven wounded —— Six men injured by an explosion at the city gas works, Richmond, Va.. —— The great snow storm extended from Texas to the Atlantic coast; freezing temperature extended to the Southern part of Georgia and the coasts of Alabama and Louisiana. —— The S. A. L. is said to be negotiating for the purchase of the Tallulah Falls railroad, in Georgia. —— One hundred and twenty-eight lives were lost in the wreck of the steamer Rio de Janeiro. ——N. Y. markets: Money on call easy at 3½@4½ per cent.; cotton steady, middling uplands 9½c; flour steady; wheat—spot dull but firm, No. 2 red 81c f. o. b.; corn—spot quiet and steady, No. 2 49c at elevator; oats—spot dull, No. 2 31c; rosin steady, strained common to good $1 65; spirits turpentine steady at 41½c @42c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 23.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 36 degrees; 8 P. M., 36 degrees; maximum, 46 degrees; minimum, 26 degrees; mean, 36 degrees.

Precipitation for the day, .30; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 3.58 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—For North Carolina: Fair and continued cold Sunday. Monday fair, with rising temperature; brisk to high northwesterly winds.

STORM WARNING.

The Northeast storm signal was displayed at the Weather Bureau station yesterday at 2 30 P. M. The storm was central near Jacksonville, Fla., and expected to move northward along the coast with increasing energy, high winds and snow.

Port Almanac---February 24.

Sun Rises	6 40 A. M.
Sun Sets	5 48 P. M.
Day's Length	11 ti. 09 M.
High Water at Southport.	12 00 A. M.
High Water Wilmington.	2 30 A. M.

It is expected that 200,000 more Russians will move to and settle in Siberia this year. The movement will begin in March.

There isn't much howling about dogs in England, for they find them useful, whether ornamental or not. They tax 'em and get a revenue of $2,500,000 out of their owners.

A Baltimore man announces that persistent and obstinate hiccoughs may be quickly controlled by sniffing a little snuff or red pepper, which starts the victim to sneezing and banishes the hiccoughs.

A good many Englishmen took out policies on the life of Queen Victoria, and now lots of them who have stock in the schemes which Pierpont Morgan is working up are taking out policies on his life.

Consul Hay, on his return from Pretoria, was interviewed in London. He declined to talk military or politics, but didn't hesitate to say that Gen. DeWet is a great soldier, and that the British have still a large-sized job on hand.

The denizens in Alaska don't mind winter weather from 20 to 30 degrees below zero, but when the woodpiles get low and the mercury suddenly drops to 70 or 80 it makes 'em hustle around some. They had a cold snap between the 9th and 19th of January, when it did that.

The dam in the river Nile, that an English company has been working on for some time, has been completed at a cost of $10,000,000, and is one of the great engineering feats of the age. It will create a lake 144 miles long, with a storage capacity of 1,000,000,000 tons of water, which may be discharged by sluices capable of carrying 900,000 tons a minute.

A New York Club which makes a specialty of hunting up old folks has discovered a citizen of Russia who is in his one hundred and thirty-sixth year, and a Michigan mother who is in her one hundred and seventeeth. They seem to have overlooked our friend Noah Raby of New Jersey, who celebrated his one hundred and twenty-eighth birth day a few weeks ago.

Thos. W. Lawson, of Boston, who has more money than he can conveniently spend, has offered the town of Scituate $60,000 if it will change its name to Lawson. Scituate is about $60,000 in debt, but it is so stuck on its name that it declines the offer. If we lived in a town with a name like that we would vote to change it to Lawson or almost anything else for forty cents.

LOCAL DOTS.

— There will be no services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church to-day on account of the bad weather.

— The amount of drunkenness on the streets yesterday and last night during the snow storm was the occasion of frequent remark. Many people took the day as a holiday and judging from appearances they all had a good time.

— The Norweigan barque *Bertha* was cleared yesterday by Messrs. Heide & Co., for Stettin, Germany, with a cargo of rosin consigned by the S. P. Shatter Company. The British schooner *Helen Shafner* was cleared with lumber for Marcoris, San Domingo.

— "Rally Day" at the First Baptist Church which was to have been held to-day will be postponed one week because of the snow. Parents' Day in the Sunday school has also been postponed on account of the inclement weather.

— Mr. Adolph Wittemann, of Boston, publisher of the Albertype Company's American Views, is in the city securing photographs of interesting scenes in and about Wilmington for photogravures which he will bring out in the future. The Chamber of Commerce will be asked to assist in the publication of the book of views.

One Committed; Another Released.

The young white men named Fowler, whose arrest on the charge of larceny of money was noted in the STAR yesterday, were arraigned in the municipal court yesterday morning, but the case was transferred to Dr. W. W. Harriss, justice of the peace, and the younger, Robert Fowler, was committed to jail in default of $75 bond for the Criminal Court. His elder brother, Claude Fowler, upon the charge of receiving the stolen property, was released, it having appeared to the court that the money in his possession was in payment of a debt by his brother.

Mr. Swann to Atlanta.

Mr. James Swann, of New York, who has been the distinguished guest of Col. K. M. Murchison, at Orton plantation for some time, was summoned yesterday afternoon on a business mission to Atlanta, Ga., he having left on the afternoon S. A. L. train. Mr. Swann has nothing but words of praise for Orton plantation and environment and promised Col. Murchison before leaving that he would return in about ten days. Col. Murchison came up the river yesterday evening to spend Sunday in the city.

Sunday School Conference.

The Interdenominational Sunday School Conference will meet at 8 o'clock Tuesday night in the Y. M. C. auditorium. An excellent programme has been arranged and it will be published in Tuesday's issue of the STAR. Every Sunday school superintendent and teacher and all others interested in Sabbath school work are expected to be present. The conference will no doubt be the best ever held in Wilmington and much good will result from the meeting.

City Executive Committee.

A meeting of the City Democratic Executive Committee will be held on to morrow or Tuesday night to make arrangements for the registration, calling of the primaries, etc., for the coming city election, which will be held on Thursday, March 28th. The committee will also organize at this meeting by the election of a chairman and secretary and treasurer.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. B. Cooper—Sleigh rides.
S J Davis—Pure blooded eggs.
W. W. Larkins—Legal notice.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Big Racket store.
Mercer & Evans Co.—Shoes for 15c.
W. E. Worth—Carolina Ice Co. under reorganization.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

P. H. Hayden—Buggies, harness.
Wil. Gas Light Co.—Try a range.

Manager Bryan, of Tarboro.

Manager H. T. Bryan, of Tarboro's winning base ball team in the State league last year, wants to come to Wilmington and manage her team this season. He writes to a friend here that he wants to see Wilmington have a winning team and can sign one that "can do up the whole push."

The Revenue Bill.

A meeting of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce will be held to-morrow to protest against certain features of objection to business men in the new revenue bill now before the Legislature, a synopsis of which is published in the Raleigh telegram of the STAR to-day.

Left for Baltimore.

Dr. J. N. Johnson, of the firm of Baldwin & Johnson, surgeon dentists, left last evening for Baltimore, where he goes to purchase improved dental equipments for the firm's already handsomely equipped parlors on Front street. Dr. Johnson expects to return about the middle of this week.

— Rev. C. S. Blackwell, D. D., and Mr. P. Heinsberger have returned from High Point where they attended the State Sunday School Convention.

SEVERE SNOW STORM

Greatest Fall in Wilmington Yesterday Since February Five Years Ago.

HOLIDAY FOR MANY PEOPLE.

Weather Bureau Shows a Record of Nine Inches—Traffic Was Not Seriously Interfered With and No Accidents of Consequence.

A majority of Wilmington's inhabitants awoke yesterday morning in the midst of the severest snow storm the city has experienced since February 17th, 1896, the nearest approach to it in the interim having been the storm of February, two years ago, which people of the younger generation recalled with interest in speaking of the weather yesterday.

The first flakes of what is commonly known as "hominy" snow began to fall at three minutes to four o'clock yesterday morning and this species of the Artic visitor kept up intermittently until about 6 30 o'clock, when the downfall opened up in dead earnest and continued almost uncessingly until about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after which it wound up about as it commenced and the mercury in thermometers began to incline towards zero at an unpleasant rate, which is attested by the condition, far from comfortable this morning. The official record of the depth of the snow taken by Observer Felger at the Weather Bureau at 8 o'clock last night is 9 inches, though many contend that in sections of the city it was as much as a foot. The temperature during the day, however, was not so unpleasant and the only seriously objectionable feature of the storm was the blinding snow flakes and perchance a solidly compacted snow ball thrown by some exuberant youth or jovially inclined elder person. The minimum temperature was 26 degrees and was reached at 8 o'clock last night. Once in December this Winter the mercury has been down as low as 23 degrees. Early last night the snow began to thaw in some places and to freeze over which made it disagreeable to pedestrians and hazardous to life and limb, but though many sharp contracts with pavements were reported as incidents of the day, there were few, if any accidents. Mr. Eugene Smith, one of the clever travelling representatives of Corbett & Co., while walking by the grocery store of Capt. J. B. Huggins yesterday morning lost his foothold and in clutching for some object by which to steady himself, thrust his hand through one of the panes of the window glass of the store but a glove protected him from injury.

Railroad traffic was not interfered with and trains came in as usual, a few short delays having been on account of connections from the North. Street car traffic, while exceeding difficult was kept up remarkably well and an indulgent public has "no kick coming."

Mr. Nicholas Schenck in talking with a reporter yesterday of notable snow storms in the past spoke interesting of the phenomenal snow storms of April 15, 1849. He said there must have been a fall of 12 or 15 inches; fruit was killed and all vegetation was cut off. Roses were in bloom at the time and a severe freeze followed, peaches on the trees were the size of a walnut and the people regarded it nothing less than a public calamity. The whole face of the earth from New Orleans to Maine was covered with snow and business was suspended. Another severe storm came in Jan. 1857 and a severe cold snap, which froze everything. Mr. Schneck says that during this period he saw more than 300 skaters and spectators on Eden's (now Greenfield) pond. The skating continued for several days and the sleigh bells were heard upon every hand.

The worst snow storm in more recent years according to the Weather Bureau records extending back as far as 1885 was in Feb. '96 when a fall of 13.1 inches was recorded. Through the kindness of Mr. Arthur D. Kinsman, the clever Assistant Observer, at the Bureau, the STAR is able to furnish the following additional records of snow fall: Feb. 1889, 3 5 inches; March 1889, .03 inches; Dec. 1893, .2; Dec. 1894, 1 5 inches; Feb. 1899, .5; Jan. 1899, .3; Jan. 1900, .1.

About the Pilotage Matter.

A STAR representative was shown yesterday afternoon a very strongly signed petition circulated by the Cape Fear Pilots' Association against the proposed abolition by the Legislature of the compulsory features of the bill now governing the practice at Wilmington. The instrument is signed by all the ship brokers, ship chandlers, port officers and many of those interested directly or indirectly in shipping from this port, including the firms of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, Acme Tea Chest Company and others.

The Rev. Edgar Carpenter.

Norfolk *Landmark*: "The Rev. Edgar Carpenter, having declined calls from St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, N. C., as well as from a church in Washington, D. C., the congregation of All Saints Church, Park View, has taken the initiatory step toward establishing All Saints' as an independent church, separate from Trinity Church, from which it started This matter will, it is said, be considered by the council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia at its meeting in May next.

NEW BOTTLING ESTABLISHMENT.

Contract Let Yesterday for the Building to Be Completed by April 1st.

Contractor W. E. Glenn, of Charlotte, was yesterday awarded the contract for the erection of a building for the new bottling works soon to be established here by the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., mention of which was made in these columns a few days ago. The building will be of brick, three stories in height and will cost about $2,000. It is estimated that the machinery, which will arrive in about three weeks, will cost about $4,000, and the size of the building will be 26½ by 40 feet in size. The location, as previously stated in these columns, will be back of the office of W. A. Whitehead & Son, between Water street and the river, on the property of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Contractor Glenn will begin work on the building to morrow, and has obligated himself to have it completed by April 1st. The Wilmington agents of the company will be Messrs. W. H. Pyke & Co., the firm being composed of Mr. W. H. Pyke, a well-known business man of Southport, and a gentleman in Wilmington, whose name the STAR is not at liberty to disclose.

Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq., has been retained as attorney for the corporation. Mr. A. M. Hoffstadt, special agent of the company, who has been here looking after the establishment of the plant, left yesterday afternoon for Columbia to look after sales to the South Carolina dispensary.

DEATH OF MRS. REBECCA A. GORE.

Died Yesterday Afternoon of Pneumonia at Home of Her Son in Wilmington.

The STAR chronicles with regret this morning the death of Mrs. Rebecca A. Gore, which occurred yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock at the residence of her son, Mr. Thos. J. Gore, Second street between Church and Castle, after an illness of three weeks with pneumonia. Mrs. Gore was a native of Brunswick county but had resided for the past ten years or more with her children in this city. She was 69 years and one week of age and was beloved by all who knew her for her kind ways and amiable disposition.

The surviving members of the family, who have the sincerest sympathy of friends, are Messrs. Thos. J. Gore, C. D. Gore, and Mrs. Amanda D. Davis, all of Wilmington.

The funeral and interment will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the family burying ground in Brunswick county.

Rev. Dr. Wells and Family Here.

The Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph.D., the new pastor of the First Presbyterian church, accompanied by Mrs. Wells and three little sons, Masters John, Calvin and Thomas, arrived yesterday afternoon via the Seaboard Air Line and are comfortably fixed at The Orton, where the family will remain for some time until arrangements can be made for their housekeeping. Dr. Wells will occupy the pulpit of the First church at both services to day. The new pastor and family were met at the station upon their arrival by Messrs. W. M Cumming, W. A. Riach, R. W. Hicks, W. E. Worth Rev. J. W. Paxton, A. J. Howell, Jr., and Col. Walker Taylor. They were hospitably received at the hotel by a committee of ladies from the church, who made it as pleasant for the family as possible.

Recruits for U. S. Army.

First Lieutenant John E. Cusack, Fifth Cavalry, U. S. A., in charge of the recruiting station at Goldsboro, arrived in the city yesterday morning in company with Dr. Thomas Hill, medical examiner for the station, and examined the nine applicants for positions in the army recently secured by Corporal Ricks in Wilmington. Out of eight applicants examined yesterday, only one, W. B. Eanett, came up to all the requirements, but others may have an additional examination at Goldsboro later, if they so desire. Lieut. Cusack and Dr. Hill left last night, returning to Goldsboro.

Towed To Fayetteville.

The steamer *A. P. Hurt*, which cleared in the snow storm yesterday afternoon for the return trip to Fayetteville, had in tow the disabled steamer *E. A. Hawes*, which sunk at her wharf here several weeks ago. She was towed to Fayetteville for repairs, the company having decided that it was cheapest to have the work done there.

Confirmed a Class.

Bishop Leo Haid, assisted by Rev. Fathers Marion, George and Dennen, yesterday morning at St. Thomas' Pro Cathedral, confirmed a class of 21 girls, 14 boys, one man and one woman. High Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas' to day and there will be a sermon by the Bishop. The forty hour's devotion will end to night when Bishop Haid will preach again.

Presented With Storm Caps.

The motormen and conductors of the Wilmington Street Rail Company are very much indebted to the Fishblate Clothing Company for splendid storm fur caps presented to each member of the force yesterday. The street car employes suffer much from cold weather and such kindnesses are highly appreciated.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Articles of Impeachment Presented by the House to the Senate.

COURT TO ORGANIZE MONDAY

Proceedings in the Two Houses—Bills Introduced and Bills That Passed Final Reading—E. K. Bryan Appointed Criminal Judge

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 23.—Specific articles of impeachment against Chief Justice Furches and Associate Justice Douglas were adopted by the House to-day and conveyed to the Senate by the whole body of Representatives at 2:15 o'clock. The Senate received the House standing. Judge Allen, spokesman of the Representatives, addressed the Senate. He said:

"The House of Representatives has adopted articles of impeachment against David M. Furches, now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Robert M. Douglas, Associate Justice. We now present to the Senate articles of impeachment and ask the Senate to take action thereon."

The Sergeant-at-Arms formally, and after the manner of a court crier, called for silence to hear the articles read by the clerk. There are five articles, constituting fifteen pages of typewritten matter. Upon conclusion of the reading the president of the Senate said:

"Mr. Speaker, Managers and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: The Senate will take proper action on the articles of impeachment as required by law, of which due notice will be given the House of Representatives."

Judge Allen replied that the managers for the House would await the action of the Senate, and thereupon the Representatives retired.

The Senate adopted a resolution by Mr. London that the Senate organize as a court of impeachment at 12:30 P. M. Monday, receive the articles of impeachment, and thereafter summons be served on the accused judges to answer at the bar of the court at some date then specified. The rules for impeachment were presented by Mr. Arrington, and action was deferred to Monday. A joint resolution to employ a court stenographer was introduced by Mr. Arrington.

Bills passed final reading in the Senate: To incorporate the Eastern Insurance Company; to incorporate the Bank of Dunn; to protect trade and commerce from conspiracy of monopoly (known as the Ward anti-trust bill,) substitute by committee adopted; to empower the Governor to appoint a board of internal improvement; resolution asking the board of agriculture to make exhibits at Buffalo, Charleston and St. Louis; to protect deer and fish in Bladen and Columbus counties; bill regulating pensions and providing pensions to soldiers who became disabled or diseased since the war—given $72 to the first class, $60 to the second, $48 to the third, and $30 to the fourth class pensioners; also provides the general State funds be drawn upon for $200,000 to supplement the pension fund from a special levy if necessary.

Bills introduced: By McNeill, to repeal the Cumberland county dispensary law. By Travis, to authorize the Secretary of State to return insurance companies charters filed under the Craig law.

In the House of Representatives nearly the entire session was spent in Committee of the Whole, considering articles of impeachment.

Bills passed: to incorporate the Atlantic and Western Railroad Co.; to put the office of insurance commissioner upon equal footing with other State officers and to increase the appropriation for clerical help from $1,000 to $1,500.

Bills introduced: By McCulloch, to appoint justices of the peace for Bladen county. By Hayes, to allow Chatham county to levy a special tax. By Thompson, to appoint justices of the peace for Onslow county; to amend the oyster law relative to Onslow county. By Lawrence, to allow mayors of towns to perform marriage ceremonies.

The resignation of Augustus Moore, Judge of the Eastern District Criminal Court, was accepted by Governor Aycock to-day and E. K. Bryan, of Wilmington, was appointed in his stead. The term of office expires June 30th, 1901.

Messages of Condolence.

Mr. W. F. Robertson, Keeper of Records and Seals of Claredon Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., of this city, and Supreme Master of Exchequer T. D. Meares, of Wilmington, yesterday telegraphed messages of condolences to Mr. John Wood, of Raleigh, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, K. of P. of the State, upon the announcement of the drowning of his brother, Capt. William Ward, master of the steamer Rio de Janeiro, which went down Friday while entering the "Golden Gate" at San Francisco, particulars of which were printed in the telegraphic columns of the STAR yesterday.

Death of an Infant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Ebert have the sympathy of many friends in the death of their seven-months old son, John S., who died of pneumonia yesterday morning at the family residence, 612 South Seventh street. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the residence with interment at Bellevue.

WILMINGTON BURGLAR ARRESTED IN NORFOLK.

Mysterious Robberies Solved by Negro's Arrest Yesterday—Capt. Green and Mr. Honnett Identify Him.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

NORFOLK, VA., Feb 23.—The arrest by Norfolk detectives of George Nash alias Julius Culley, a negro, turns out to be the most important capture of the season. Nash, it appears, is a most notorious thief with a penchant for jewelry, and that he operated successfully at Wilmington, is shown by the recovery of a small stock found on the negro's person. Nash had not long been in Norfolk when he was arrested as a suspicious character. When searched at police headquarters he had concealed in various pockets thirty watches, besides numerous gold cuff buttons, lockets and other jewelry.

The local police communicated with various cities and learned that the stolen property belonged to Mr. Geo. Honnet, a jeweler, of No. 12 North Front street, Wilmington, whose establishment was recently burglarized. Mr. Honnet arrived here to day accompanied by Capt. Robert Green, of the Wilmington detective department. Mr. Honnet identified the property found on the negro as his and also recognized in Nash the man who had acted suspiciously around his store before the robbery was committed.

Capt. Green took charge of the prisoner and to-morrow with Mr. Honnet will leave for Wilmington where the negro will have a hearing in the police court.

The Wilmington police say they have direct evidence against Nash and his conviction seems to be a foregone conclusion.

ELKS' COMMENDABLE WORK.

Through Their Exalted Ruler the Charity Characteristic of the Order is Being Appreciated by the Poor.

With a commendable spirit of sincere charity, characteristic of the order everywhere, but which for lack of opportunity has not heretofore shown itself in Wilmington upon so large a scale, perhaps as in other cities, the Wilmington Lodge of Elks early yesterday morning as soon as the flakes of snow began falling and it was seen that the city would soon be in the throes of a snow storm, began a work which should receive merited praise from every source.

The work of the Wilmington Lodge came through its energetic and withal sympathetic Exalted Ruler, Mr. H. J. Gerken, and consisted of the raising of a charity fund from Elk members for the supply of fuel to indigent people, who would otherwise suffer from the cold. The result of Mr. Gerken's canvass among members is that there is now already purchased about 130 loads of splendid pine wood, which will be distributed to-day and as long as the bad weather exists, under the personal supervision of Elk members to a list of needy persons and families furnished by the Associated Charities and otherwise gathered by the beneficent Elks, headed by Exalted Ruler Gerken.

In the absence of Mayor Waddell, Mayor *pro tem.* Springer and Aldermen Taylor, chairman of the Streets and Wharves Committee, have done the right thing in placing at the disposal of the Elks as many of the city carts as will be required to deliver the wood anywhere in the city it is needed.

The United International Order of Buffaloes, Ranch No. 999, of this city, has also raised $5.60 in subscriptions of fifteen cents each from its members and the amount has been turned over to the Elks for distribution.

A LEGISLATIVE BLUNDER.

Bill Passed Both Branches of the Assembly Making North Carolina a Prohibition State.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 23.—The discovery was made to night that a bill has passed both branches of the General Assembly making North Carolina a Prohibition State, except that liquors can be manufactured and sold in incorporated towns in Buncombe county. A mistake in phraseology makes the law apply to the whole State, and grants the privilege to manufacture and sell only to towns in Buncombe. The discovery created a consternation among members and is the most talked of feature of the day. It is not effective within thirty days, and immediate steps will be taken to enact a bill correcting the law.

The Mutual Fidelity Company.

Messrs. George Harriss and Thos. H. Wright left last night for Richmond in the interest of themselves and others in Wilmington who have invested in the "diamond contracts," of the Mutual Fidelity Company, of Baltimore. They have gone to investigate a proposed transfer of the stock to a new company in Delaware and to make any other inquiries necessary to the welfare of the Wilmington stockholders.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Dr. C. T. Hawes is visiting at Magnolia.

— Mrs. E. C. Craft has returned from Walter, N. C.

— Hon. Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, is in the city on a professional visit.

— Messrs. W. A. Shellenberger and M. A. Lyon, of Charlotte, were arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

— Messrs. E. T. Pullen, of Burgaw, and D. B. McLaurin, of Maxton, were arrivals in the city yesterday.

DIED.

GORE—At the home of her son, Thos J. Gore, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Mrs. REBECCA A. GORE, aged 69 years and one week.

Funeral and interment Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the family burying ground in Brunswick county. Friends and acquaintances invited.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
PENDER COUNTY,
In Superior Court.

Rachel A. Fennell, Plaintiff, vs. Daniel Fennell, Defendant, } Act'n for divorce

Let the defendant take notice that he is required to appear before the Superior Court of Pender county, to be held on the first Monday in March, 1901, and answer or demur to the complaint in this action; otherwise the pla'ntiff will apply for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 17th day of January, 1901.

W. W. LARKINS,
Clerk Superior Court, Pender county.
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Carolina Ice Co. Under Reorganization.

A book of subscription to the Capital Stock of the above named company will be opened at the National Bank of Wilmington Tuesday, February 26th, 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M. and remain open until the full amount of the Capital Stock has been subscribed but not later than Saturday, March 2nd, 1901, at noon, when it will be closed.

WM. E. WORTH,
Chairman Reorganization Committee.
feb 24 tf

SLEIGH RIDES.

$ 316 00 in E. B. Potatoes.
983 17 in D. S. Meat.
846 00 in N. C. Mullets.
211 41 in Evaporated Apples.
43 00 in Leaven Powders.
98 00 in Rex Powder.
265 00 in Good Luck Powder.
180 00 in Jersey Powder.
96 00 in P. and B. Powder.
153 00 in Hosford's Powder.
94 60 in Market Baskets.
386 49 in Assorted Extracts.
No copyright on our ads.

W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer,
308, 310, 312 Nut street,
feb 24 tf Wilmington, N. C.

NOT Special Bargains.

Genuine Enamel Iron Bed, $3 25. None better at $4 50.
Solid Oak Rocker, Real Leather Seat, $2 25. None better at $5 00
THE ONLY genuine F. & S. Mattress, $8 00, $9 00 and $13 50.
These are my plain every day prices.
(Bargains in my Windows)
which I am able to give because I know when, where and how to buy; and because of all this my sales are 50 per cent. more than any other store in the city.

N. F. PARKER,
Furniture and Furniture Novelties,
111 Market street,
Bell 'Phone 613. Inter-State 421.
feb 19 tf

Condensed Diamond Soups.

FREE DEMONSTRATION ALL THIS WEEK

At The Unlucky Corner.

Ladies and Gentlemen cordially invited.

Miss Conway will be pleased to serve you.

S. W. SANDERS.
feb 19 tf

Special Offers

in CANDIES TO-DAY.

THE FINEST LINE EVER SHOWN.....

25c lb IN BOXES.

All kinds of Fruit.

J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.
feb 18 tf

NOTICE.

FLOUR, all grades, barrels and bags.
SUGAR and COFFEE.
CAKES, CRACKERS, CHEESE and SARDINES.
CANDY, in baskets and boxes.
CANNED GOODS, such as TOMATOES, PEACHES, CORN, OYSTERS, SALMON, etc.
MULLETS and MULLET ROE.
PEANUTS, Va., N. C., and Spanish.
TOBACCOS, Plug and Smoking.

For sale low by

Williams Bros.
feb 21 tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Ladies', Miss and Children's Shoes,

From 15 Cts. Up.

Call on us before going elsewhere and you can be suited.

New Goods, Shoes &c.,

arriving every week, and prices are always at Rock Bottom.

MERCER & EVANS COMPANY,
Department Stores,
feb 21 tf 115 and 117 Princess street.

PURE BLOODED EGGS.

Those who want good stock can get Eggs at

THE S. J DAVIS LIVERY STABLES

And all Eggs guaranteed as represented.
Buff Cochings, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Buff Leghorns, Brown Leghorns, Black Minorcas.
GAME—War-Horse, Deepcreek Grays, Brown Hommies.
DUCKS—Cayuga Black Duck, White Pekin Duck, White Runoovy.
GEESE—Poland Geese.

S. J. DAVIS.

Both 'Phones No. No. 194. 208-210 Market streets.
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Vollers & Hashagen,

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEB. 24.

PROBLEMS TO FACE.

The late consolidation of the steel Trusts manipulated by the Morgan-Rockefeller syndicate has revived interest in the Trust question generally, and awakened a keen interest in these combinations of Trusts, for unless some action be taken to discourage that kind of business, there will doubtless be more of such combinations controlling other than manufactures of steel. There has been a good deal of discussion of this monster steel combine, by partisan, non-partisan, and non-political journals, and a good deal of speculation as to what the outcome will be. One of the latter class, which has devoted close attention to the Trust question and closer to this consolidation of steel Trusts, publishes a lengthy but conservative editorial in a recent issue, in which, after speaking of the Trusts generally and their organizations, thus points out some of the problems the Trusts will have to face. We quote from the New York *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin*:

"Henceforth, however, the investors in these new enterprises will have to face a set of problems which they have so far ignored in a spirit of laissez faire optimism. Those neglected factors are, from every point of view, very serious matters, which neither the "trusts" nor the public can afford to leave to their own drift. That, we take it, will at least prove to be the sentiment of the American people.

"Let us briefly glance at a few of these imperfectly considered problems. And, first, the capitalization of the "trust." At the close of 1900 their nominal capital consisted of $680,000,000 in bonds, $1,250,000,000 of preferred stock and $2,796,000,000 in common stock,—the latter comprising 59 per cent. of the total capitalization. Whilst nearly the whole of the bonds and the preferred shares may be conceded to have represented the positive values contained in the merged corporations, probably nine-tenths of the common shares have nothing behind them beyond such transient figments as compensation to "promoters," good-will, past profits without any guaranty of their continuance, and bonuses (over and above the true value of the properties amalgamated) to induce co operation in the "deals." These common shares have brought no accessions of capital or property to the consolidations; they may serve as counters in gambling speculations, or as shams to bolster up false confidence among the uninitiated, but by no true or proper use of language can they be designated as "capital stock." In nearly all cases they are a worthless fiction.

"Our railroad experience illustrates the outcome of this sort of financering. As a general rule, until within quite recent years, our railroads have been built almost exclusively on the proceeds of bonds, whilst the common stock, to an equal amount, has been issued without any substantial equivalent, the consequence being that, for thirty to forty years, those corporations have had to contend against crippled credit and from two thirds to three-fourths of them have had to pass through bankruptcy, with ruinous loss to investors. What is the capitalization of the "trusts" but an attempt to repeat in our industrial system the stock watering from which our railroad system has suffered so much discreditable wreckage? It carries a damning stigma upon the whole morale of the "trust" movement that it should have been built upon such a vicious financial basis; and equally it casts an ominous shadow upon the future status of our industrial securities. Had the system been fortified by a sound capitalization, it would have appealed to the conservative spirit of the investing public; based, as it is, upon a grossly speculative capitalization, it sacrifices the most essential prerequisite to public confidence, and seriously vitiates our system of industrial credit.

"The 'trust' system strikes so directly at so many established interests that it seems inevitable that it will have to encounter an unsparing public hostility; and there are ways of attack which the consolidations will find it very difficult to defeat. For instance, a reconstruction of the tariff upon a revenue basis would overthrow the artificial basis of commercial values established by protective duties and the "trusts" would have to compete with the cheapest markets in the world; in which case what would become of the mechanism for controlling prices on which these institutions are so largely depending? The perpetuation of the present tariff is wholly dependent on public opinion, and there is no mistaking the signs that popular sentiment is fast coming to the conclusion that, for the United States, protective duties have already done their work. If to this conviction is added the popular motive of depriving the "trusts" of the support of the protective policy, there is nothing more probable within the range of federal politics than that the next election will be run upon the issue of an anti trust tariff. At this point, therefore, the "trust" system stands seriously exposed to check, if not overthrow.

"Another of the most vital props of the 'trust' system is afforded by the patent laws. In themselves those laws constitute a monopoly, which by certain accommodations to legal formalities can be made almost perpetual. True, these privileges are available to private persons as well as to consolidated corporations; but it is nevertheless a fact that there are few trusts which do not largely owe their monopolistic power to their ownership of patents. Our patent system is full of wrongs and inequalities which cry aloud for remedy, and yet there need be no difficulty in devising a law which, while adequately compensating the inventor, would make the invention available for common use upon common conditions. A reforming Congress, bent upon establishing or restoring equality of opportunity in every department of human effort, would find no reform more welcome to the people at large than one that expunged monopoly from our patent system. Here is another of the trust strongholds to which public opinion and reform politics may be expected to direct assault from this time forward.

"Beyond these points of exposure connected with the trust movement, there is the more insidious and less demonstrative popular conviction that, through all the larger movements of capital, a strong obligarchical tendency has set in as an element unfriendly to popular institutions. A sub consciousness of this tendency is beginning to pervade all classes, affecting the upper and lower in very conflicting directions. No public movement has so directly encouraged this sentiment as the past and current creation of the trust consolidations, and for that reason those institutions must expect to encounter the popular suspicions as to the aggressive tendencies of wealth. It is an unwelcome duty to call attention to these drifts of the times; but it is to be feared they are serious realities, and it is best for all interests that the tendencies should be openly recognized in their infancy and when guidance can be most effectively applied.

This differently expressed means that, in the opinion of this able conservative journal there are storms brewing for the Trusts, but for the combinations of Trusts in particular. This does not come with the air of prophesy for we have had the indications, the rumblings already in the utterances of Republican Congressmen who have heretofore been the friends of or apologists for the Trusts, for many of them have not hesitated to declare in favor of repealing all protective duties on articles controlled by Trusts, which if done would bring the tariff within the Democratic requirements of "a tariff for revenue only" and we would have the unique spectacle of the Republican party with the great ideal protectionist in the Presidental chair, turning its back on its progeny, the Trusts, and taking its position on the once denounced Democratic platform.

If they begin on this line, (and they can't very well help it now after having gone so far) the logical result will be that the whole protective system will go to pieces. The abolition of the protective duties as demanded in Democratic platforms, was denounced by the Republican protectionists as free trade so that we may expect to see the free trade denouncers suddenly become free traders.

But this will not mean free trade, and these Republican protectionists knew this when they declared that removal of the protective duties meant free trade, for while this government needs as much revenue as it does now and will need in the future the tariff duties that supply the revenue or any considerable part of it must necessarily give as much incidental protection as any American industry will have need of if there need of any. But the Trust question has been brought to the front by this steel consolidation and they must meet it, whether they will or not, and the Trusts must face the problems.

SUGAR FROM CORN.

We read several years ago about experiments made by a corn cultivator somewhere in the North, (we have forgotten where), which proved, according to him, that sugar could be profitably produced from the corn stalk. He published the results of his experiments, the percentage of sugar from a given amount of stalks and claimed that he would secure better results with further tests.

We are reminded of this by a recent publication in the Macon, Ga., *Telegraph* on the authority of Capt. D. G. Purse, of Savannah, who for several years has taken an interest in this subject, and has worked in conjunction with several scientists. He claims that the problem has been solved of making sugar for commercial purposes, from corn stalks, that it can be produced for about one cent a pound, and that experiments show that the corn stalk yields a higher per centage of saccharine matter than the Louisiana cane. And what gives color to the statement is that he and others interested have the capital and propose to put up in Georgia a plant, which will be followed by others. The formula for making the sugar is not given to the public, for we suppose there is something in that which the company desires to retain for itself, and profit by, but we are told that the cultivation of the corn will cost no more than it does now, although the method will be somewhat different. Some of the advantages to accrue from this discovery are thus stated in an editorial in the *Telegraph*:

"The corn is not to supplant sugar cane, but is to supplement it. Usually the cane crop in Louisiana, for instance, is consumed in three months, and the mills lay idle for nine months in the year. The new product comes in when the old is exhausted. A mill in South Georgia, for instance, could run during the Winter months on sugar cane product. After this crop is exhausted, the mills could lay in, as it were, for repairs until the 15th of May, when the first crop of corn comes in. By successive plantings as to time the mills can run on the corn product until frost, when the cane comes in again. So that in the stead of running a sugar mill three months in the year by utilizing the corn it will run nine months in the year.

"Tests have been made from corn grown in Thomas, Lowndes, Chatham and Effingham counties, and in several counties in South Carolina. These tests have shown that the juice from the corn grown under certain conditions or by a certain method produces two per cent. more of sucrose than the Louisiana sugar cane.

"The result of these experiments have never before been made public. Further developments will be looked forward to with great interest."

If this be all that is claimed for it, the sugar problem as to this country will be solved, and there need be no more talk of bounties for beets, nor protection for our sugar growers, for we can produce sugar enough to sweeten the universe.

Some men have the luck of running up against disappointment in nearly everything they undertake. A prisoner in a Newark, N. J., jail decided to hang himself, and had made all the necessary arrangements, but when he swung off the rope broke, and he fell on the brick floor, fractured his skull and died from it.

KITCHENER'S IRON HAND.

We have had numerous reports of British brutality in South Africa. These reports have been denied, as might have been expected, and a strict censorship is exercised to prevent the facts from being given to the world. But they do get out through the medium of letters of soldiers to friends, the same way that we learn much as to the situation in the Philippines, where the military censorship suppresses what it is not deemed well for the public to know.

A few days ago a proclamation was issued by Gen. DeWet, in which he denounced the atrocities perpetrated by the British soldiers, giving them notice that he would retaliate, but on men and not on women and children, who would be safe from their avenging hands. This proclamation and these reports are substantiated by letters from soldiers, extracts from one of which are produced in a recent number of the London *Truth*, describing the march of one of the British columns in the country north of Belfast:

"During the trek our progress was like the old time forays in the highlands of Scotland two centuries ago We moved on from valley to valley, lifting cattle and sheep, burning, looting, and turning out the women and children to sit and weep in despair beside the ruins of their once beautiful farmsteads. It was the first touch of Kitchener's iron hand—a terrible thing to witness. We burned a track about six miles wide through these fertile valleys. The column left a trail of fire and smoke behind it that could be seen at Belfast."

Describing the sack of Dullstrom, he says:

"Nobody who was there will ever forget that day's work. About 7 o'clock in the morning our force seized the town after a little fight. The Boers went into the surrounding hills, and there was nobody in the town except women and children. It was a very pretty place, nestling in a valley. The houses and lovely flower garden, and the roses were in bloom.

"The Boers drove in our outposts on the flank and began sniping the guns, and amid the row of the cannonade and the crackle of rifle fire the sacking of the place began. First there was an ominous bluish haze over the town, and then the smoke rolled up in volumes that could be seen for fifty miles away. The Boers on the hills seemed paralyzed by the sight, and stopped shooting. The town was very quiet, save for the roaring and crackle of the flames. On the steps of the steps of the church a group of women and children were huddled. The women's faces were very white, but some some of them had spots of red on either cheek and their eyes were blazing. The troops were systematically looking the place over, and as they got quite through with each house they burned it. As I stood looking, a woman turned to me and pathetically exclaimed: 'Oh, how can you be so cruel?' I sympathized with her, and explained that it was an order and had to be obeyed. But, all the same, it was an intensely sad sight to see the little homes burning and the rose bushes withering up in the pretty gardens, and the pathetic groups of homeless and distressed women and little children weeping in abject misery and despair among the smoking ruins as we rode away."

"War is hell," as it has been said, but this is hell intensified, and yet England claims to be a Christian, highly civilized country, which a few years was shocked at the atrocities perpetrated by the Turks on the Armenians; but the atrocities committed by the Turks were mild compared with this ruthless revelry of wild, wanton brutality and devastation.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— A dispatch from Ras Jibuti says the King of Gojam has been poisoned. This is bad enough, but it might have been worse. Gojam is probably one of those kingdoms where the people do not have to put on clothes when they go into mourning.—*Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.*

—— The controversy between our Government and that of Russia over the tax on beet sugar may have far-reaching consequences. If we recede from our position with reference to Russia, we may have to face a demand from Germany and France for a similar concession, while should we fail to convince Russia that she is wrong we stand to lose a large amount of trade as well as to lay the basis perhaps for a continental system of protection against American imports.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

—— During the past fiscal year the imports of sugar into the United States amounted to 4,951,152 tons. Of this 1,730,457 tons were dutiable at an average rate of 73 per cent. on the value. The total value of the dutiable sugars was $77,929,745, and the custom house revenues from it amounted to $57,417,772. But the American people paid a tax equivalent to the duty on all the sugar—dutiable and free, foreign and domestic—that they consumed. What did not go into the Treasury was poured into the coffers of the Sugar Trust.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

— Many a man is willing to hold on to Christ, who is not at all willing that Christ should hold on to him.

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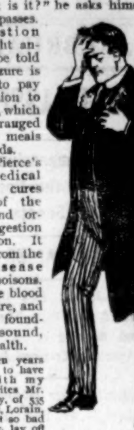

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Wilson *Times*: Last Thursday a week ago, Mr. Raymond C. Thorne, of Old Fields, was found dead in his bed. He was in good health and spirits on Wednesday despite his 74 years, and so it was supposed that he died of heart failure.

— Rocky Mount *Argonaut*: Capt. J. H. Baker died at his home Wednesday of heart disease; aged 63 years —— Compulsory vaccination is being enforced in Rocky Mount and the whole of Edgecombe. Only one case of small pox has been reported near town, and the house is under quarantine.

— Carthage *Blade*: Last Tuesday, Mr. Maness of Ritters township, killed a large young eagle near Island Ford. It measured from tip to tip 7 feet and its claws were three inches long. The eagle had killed a goose and was feasting on its prey when it suddenly rose in flight and was shot in mid air by Mr. Maness.

— Sanford *Express*: There is talk of a cotton factory being built at Pine Bluff this county. Mr. John T. Patrick is interested in the proposed enterprise. The building will be four stories high. An electric light company was recently organized there, and are now constructing a lighting plant. —— One of the most prosperous enterprises in Sanford is the veneering factory. They work a good number of hands and can readily dispose of all the material they can turn out. The hands are required to work some at night.

— Smithfield *Courier*: The commissioners of Smithfield have had several deep wells bored in different parts of the town. Dr. G J Robinson, Mr J M Beatty and others have had wells bored at their homes. Great good has already been done for the health of the town by these wells.—— The farmers of this county are busily engaged in preparing for another crop. Much plowing has been done in some sections. We think there will be no decrease in the tobacco acreage, and as far as we learn there will not be much difference in the acreage in cotton from last year.

— Monroe *Enquirer*: The grip, grippe, lagrippe, take your choice as to spelling, has this county in its clutches. Hardly a family in the county has escaped the miserable disease. Schools have closed, business has been checked and everything has almost surrendered to the epidemic. —— Mr. Frank Winchester, who lives near Price's Mill, in Sandy Ridge township, lost his house by fire last Saturday morning a while before day. When the accupants of the house awoke it was too late to save any of the furnishing of the house. —— Mr J Gay, a Mexican war veteran, died at his home in Buford township last Sunday, February 17th. He was about seventy five years old. He had been demented for a number of years It is said that a love affair with a Mexican lady was the cause of the old man's mental derangement, but more likely the cause of the failure of his mind was a wound he received in the war in which he made a good soldier.

TWINKLINGS.

— His Method: "Does that young man next door to you play his trombone by ear or by note?" "Neither. By brute force."—*Chicago Times-Herald.*

— The Deacon—"Do you know what happens to boys who tell lies?" Small Youth—"Yessir. They gets off, most times, if they tell good ones."—*Harlem Life.*

— In this age of combines: "How do you think Mr. Simpson proposed?" "I'll never guess." "He asked me if I felt favorably disposed to a unification of interests."—*Chicago Record*

— Barber—Shave, sir? Crusty Customer—Yes, and I don't want any conversation with it. Barber (good naturedly—All right, sir, you supply the chin and I'll do the rest.—*Chicago News.*

— Not Complaining—The New Pastor—"I'm very glad to have your husband's good opinion." Sister Hardshell—"Oh! he's quite satisfied. He says, what can we expect at such a salary."—*Puck.*

— The Truth Forced Home: "I am afraid," she sighed, "that I am getting old." "Why?" he asked. "When I go to the grocery now the clerks don't nearly break their necks trying to beat one another in getting my orders."

— "I hope you will be lenient with me, your lordship," said the thief, as he stood up to be sentenced. "I have a good many dependent on me for their support." "Children?" asked the judge. "No; police detectives."—*Tit Bits.*

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THINGS THAT NEVER DIE.

CHARLES DICKENS.

The pure, the bright, the beautiful,
That stirred our hearts in youth,
The impulses of wordless prayer,
The dreams of love and truth;
The longings after something lost,
The spirit's yearning cry,
The striving after better hopes—
These things can never die.

The timid hand stretched forth to aid
A brother in his need,
A kindly word in grief's dark hour
That proves a friend indeed;
The plea for mercy, softly breathed,
When justice threatens nigh
The sorrow of a contrite heart—
These things shall never die.

The memory of a clasping hand,
The pressure of a kiss,
And all the trifles, sweet and frail,
That make up love's first bliss;
If with a firm, unchanging faith,
And holy trust and high,
These hands have clasped, those lips have met—
These things shall never die.

The cruel and the bitter word,
That wounded as it fell,
The chilling want of sympathy
We feel, but never tell;
The hard repulse that chills the heart
Whose hearts were bounding high,
In an unfading record kept—
These things shall never die.

Let nothing pass, for every hand
Must find some work to do;
Lose not a chance to waken love—
Be firm and just and true.
So shall light that cannot fade
Beam on thee from on high,
And angel voices say to thee—
These things shall never die.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Morning prayer and sermon at St. John's church to day at 11 A. M., by the rector.

Owing to the extreme inclemency of the weather, there will be no services at St. John's Episcopal church to-day.

Christian Science service at the Masonic Temple, room 10, this morning at 11:15 o'clock. Subject of Bible lesson, "Christ Jesus."

St. James' Church, holy communion, 7.45 A. M ; morning service and sermon, 11 o'clock; Sunday school, 3.45 P. M.; evening prayer 5 o'clock.

First Baptist Church, Rev. Calvin S Blackwell, D D, pastor: 11 A. M., "John the Beloved;" 7:45 P. M., "Home, Father, Mother and Children."

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sixth and Market streets, Rev. A. G. Voigt pastor: German services to day at 11 A. M.; English service at 6.30 P. M.; Sunday school at 3 30 P. M.; Lenten services Wednesday at 5 P. M.

St Matthews' English Lutheran church, North Fourth street above Bladen street, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Morning service only at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. All seats free and every person welcome.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Trust the Lord much while he is with you. Keep no secrets from him. His secrets are with you; let your secrets be with him.—*Spurgeon.*

— It is most important that our young people found their faith, as regards all things which they believe, not on the notions of men, but on the Word of God.

— What we ask in relation to our Lord Jesus Christ is steady, constant obedience to his will, a quiet household life, a business conducted face to face with the decalogue and the whole life lived in the spirit of the love of Jesus Christ.

— Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, you see no glory, nor can possibly imagine any. Standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors.—*Hawthorne.*

— I knew a miser who gave up every kind of comfortable living, all the pleasure of doing good to others, all the esteem of his fellow citizens, and the joys of benevolent friendship, for the sake of accumulating wealth. "Poor man," said I, "you pay too much for your whistle."—*Ben Franklin.*

— Never has the Revelation of God assumed such grand proportions or so grave a charm, such an awful splendor or such penetrating sweetness, as at the present time. And it comes as one of old, not to destroy, but to fulfill. It takes up into itself the best of all that has been in the Revelations of the past. Jesus is still Immanuel, God with us; he is still the Word made flesh.—*J. W. Chadwick.*

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—26 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—252 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine 73 barrels rosin 83 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—6 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 50 barrels tar.

C. C. Railroad—13 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—3 casks spirits turpentine, 196 barrels rosin, 170 barrels tar.

Steamer Compton—3 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 40 barrels tar.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—249 barrels rosin, 5 barrels tar.

Steamer Argyle—30 barrels rosin, 38 barrels tar.

Johnson's Flat—30 barrels rosin, 38 barrels tar.

Williams' Raft—100 barrels rosin.

Total—Cotton, 237 bales; spirits turpentine, 19 casks; rosin, 791 barrels; tar, 386 barrels; crude turpentine, 28 barrels.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Ripen pears in the house.

Improvement goes forward by selection.

Currants and gooseberries need annual trimming.

Use wooden tree protectors to keep rabbits from young trees.

A liberal top dressing of wood ashes on an orchard that is beginning to fail will often give satisfactory results.

In testing a new variety of strawberries early fall is a good time to plant out. The plants will bear some fruit next season.

When plants of any kind are first taken indoors in the fall, they should have all the air possible and be kept moist if the position be a dry one.

Piles of brush or weeds or old boards and logs afford harboring places for insect pests, and they can be best destroyed by burning such material early in the fall.

Dwarf pears and grapes are two fruits that are especially adapted to small places where not much room can be spared and where it is desired to combine the useful and the ornamental.—St. Louis Republic.

OUR NAVY USES PE-RU-NA.

Paymaster Collier says: "I Have Taken Pe-ru-na — It Will Do All That is Claimed For It."

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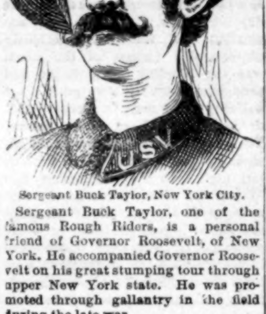
One of the most responsible positions in the practical management of the United States Navy is the Paymaster's Office. Only men of great executive and clerical ability can fill such a position. Such a man is the Hon. William A. Collier, Assistant Paymaster of the United States Navy. In a recent letter of his to Dr. Hartman he says:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25, 1899.

I have taken Pe-ru-na and take pleasure in recommending it to those needing a first-class tonic, feeling assured that it will do all that is claimed for it.

Yours truly, Wm. A. Collier.

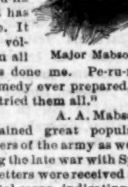


Sergeant Buck Taylor, New York City.

Sergeant Buck Taylor, one of the famous Rough Riders, is a personal friend of Governor Roosevelt, of New York. He accompanied Governor Roosevelt on his great stumping tour through upper New York state. He was promoted through gallantry in the field during the late war.

The Sergeant has the following to say of Pe-ru-na: "I think there is no better medicine on earth than Pe-ru-na, for catarrh. It has cured me. It would take a volume to tell you all the good it has done me. Pe-ru-na is the best catarrh cure on earth, and I know, for I have tried nearly all of them. Respectfully, Buck F. Taylor."

Major Algernon A. Mabson, of the Tenth Volunteer regiment, stationed at Macon, Ga., in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman from Washington, D. C., says: "I think there is no better medicine on earth than your Pe-ru-na for catarrh. It has surely cured me. It would take a volume to tell you all the good it has done me. Pe-ru-na is the greatest remedy ever prepared, and I think I have tried them all."



Major Mabson.

A. A. Mabson.

Pe-ru-na attained great popularity among the officers of the army as well as the navy during the late war with Spain. A great many letters were received from field and hospital corps, indicating that this popular climatic remedy has become well nigh indispensable to them. Pe-ru-na is not only a National remedy, but has proven itself a National blessing. Letters from every quarter are received daily testifying to the virtues of Pe-ru-na in cases of catarrh that had long since given up all hope of cure. Coughs, colds, influenza, la grippe and acute catarrh yield at once to the action of Pe-ru-na. No case of catarrh can entirely resist the curative virtues of Pe-ru-na, as every case is either cured or permanently benefited. A lecture on catarrh and its cure by Dr. Hartman sent free by The Pe-ru-na Drug M'f'g Company, of Columbus, O.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, February 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 38¼ cents per gallon for machine made casks and 38 cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.10 per bbl for strained and $1.15 for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 54@53½c; rosin firm at $1 45@1 50; tar firm at $1.30; crude turpentine firm at $2.00@$3.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	19
Rosin	791
Tar	386
Crude turpentine	28

Receipts same day last year.—17 casks spirits turpentine, 767 bbls rosin, 233 bbls tar, — bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 9c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 9 16	cts ℔ lb
Good ordinary	7 15-16	" "
Low middling	8 9 16	" "
Middling	9	" "
Good middling	9 5 16	" "

Same day last year middling quiet and steady at 8⅜c.

Receipts—287 bales; same day last year, 202.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c, Virginia—Prime 50c; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c; Spanish, 75c.

CORN—Firm, 58 to 60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 13 to 15c per pound; shoulders, 8 to 10c; sides, 8 to 10c.

EGGS—Firm at 14c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 12½@25c; springs, 10@17c.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 8 to 8½c; dressed, 10 to 11c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5¼@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 55c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Prime mercantile paper 3¾@4½ per ct. Sterling exchange steady; actual business in bankers' bills at 487⅛ for demand and 483⅞ for sixty days. Posted rates 484½@485 and 488. Commercial bills 483¼@483¾. Silver certificates 62@63. Bar silver 61¼. Mexican dollars 48.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Rosin quiet. Strained common to good $1 65. Spirits turpentine steady at 41¾@42c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 23.—Spirits turpentine dull, nothing doing; quoted at 35½@36c; sales — casks. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 23.—Spirits turpentine firm at 39c; sales 275 casks; receipts 280 casks; exports 397 casks. Rosin firm; sales 4 189 barrels; receipts 3 425 barrels; exports 2,889 barrels. Quoted: A, B, C, $1 15, D, $1 20; E, $1 25; F, $1 35; G, $1 35; H, $1 50; I, $1 65; K, $1 75; M, $1 85; N, $1 90; W G, $2 00; W W, $2 25.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Considerably higher prices were reached in cotton to-day. The market opened firm and three to seven points higher on active buying for both accounts from nearly all quarters. The influences at work were strongly in favor of bull speculation, the most potent factors being a better ruling of the English market over the holiday than expected. At the time of our opening Liverpool was fully two points higher than figured to be a fair response to Thursday's rise here. The bull sales were accompanied by generous sized buying orders, chiefly May and July. Continued small port and interior receipts, claims that Southern markets were ⅛ to 3-16c higher on improved demand for export and domestic mill account, together with more cheerful cloth trade news, swept away props of bear confidence and led to a hasty further retreat. The wave of buying carried May to 9.16 and July to 9 17. Thereafter more or less irregularity was noted, due to light flurries of profit taking which were invariably followed by new bursts of covering. For a Saturday half holiday trading was active and speculation as a whole was healthy. Sentiment in local circles was somewhat mixed after the first hour; the pit recognized the fact that the market had had twenty-five points reaction from the recent break and that the weak shorts were pretty well weeded out. Yet conditions were bullish beyond question, serving to arrest selling from a decline. The market for futures closed barely steady and nine points higher to four points lower, having eased off in the last few minutes under realizing.

NEW YORK, Feb 23.—Cotton steady; middling uplands 9⅜c.

Cotton futures closed barely steady: February 9 01, March 9 02, April 9.05 May 9 09, June 9 09, July 9.11, August 8 79, September 8 30, October 8 09, November 7 99, December 7 95.

Spot cotton closed steady and 1 16c higher: middling uplands 9⅜c; middling gulf 9⅝c; sales 2,120 bales.

Net receipts 945 bales; gross receipts 2 265 bales; exports to Great Britain 4,397 bales; exports to the Continent 205 bales; stock 144 030 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 16,850 bales; exports to Great Britain 4,397 bales; exports to the Continent 20,866 bales; stock 853,529 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 16 850 bales; exports to Great Britain 4 397 bales; exports to the Continent 20,866 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 5,740 617 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,154,189 bales; exports to France 504,099 bales; exports to the Continent 1,643 428 bales.

February 23 —Galveston, holiday, net receipts 3,994 bales; Norfolk, steady at 9¼c, net receipts 1,088 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 9 5 16c, net receipts — bales; Boston, steady at 9 5 16, net receipts — bales; Wilmington, firm at 9c, net receipts 287 bales; Philadelphia firm at 9⅝c, net receipts 160 bales; Savannah, quiet and steady at 9 1 16 net receipts 3,029 bales; New Orleans, firm at 9¼c, net receipts 6,658 bales; Mobile, firm at 9 1 16c, net receipts 64 bales; Memphis, holiday, net receipts 767 bales; Augusta, firm at 9⅜c, net receipts 503 bales; Charleston, quiet and steady, 8⅞c, net receipts 625 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 23.—Flour steady; Minnesota patents $4 00@4 30; winter patents $3 65@4 00. Wheat—Spot dull but firm; No. 2 red 81¼c f. o. b. afloat; options opened firm but quiet and ruled slow, with only local trading in the absence of new features beyond the small Argentine shipments and the light run of Northwest receipts. Prices rallied slightly on local covering, with the close steady at a net advance of ⅛@⅜c: No. 2 red March closed 79⅝c; May closed 80⅛c; July closed 79⅛c. Corn—Spot quiet and steady; No. 2 49c; options dull and a shade steadier on continued poor grading of receipts and covering, notwithstanding poor cables. Closed steady at ⅛@⅜c net advance. March closed 46⅞c; July closed 45⅞c. Oats—Spot dull; No. 2 31c; options market was slow. Pork steady; family $14 00@15 50; short clear $14 75@16 50; mess 14 00@14 75. Butter firm; fresh creamery 16@23c; State dairy 13@21c. Cheese was quoted quiet; fancy large, colored and white 10¾@11¼; small fancy colored, 12¼c; fancy white 12c. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania at mark 19c, Southern at mark 18c. Petroleum steady; refined New York $7 95; Philadelphia and Baltimore $7 90, do. in bulk $5 35. Rice quiet; domestic, fair to extra 3¾@6¼c; Japan 4¼@4¾. Lard was steady; Western steam $7 80; refined quiet: continent $7 95; South American $8 60; compound 5⅝@5⅝c. Tallow steady; city ($2 per package) 4¾@4⅞; country (packages free) 4⅞@5¼. Cabbages steady; Long Island, per 100, $3 00@4 00. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 4¼@5c; other domestic, 5c. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 14c. Cotton oil dull but steady at former prices: Prime crude, in barrels, 27c, nominal; prime summer yellow 29½c; off summer yellow 28¾@29c; prime white 33@34c; prime winter yellow 34@35; prime meal $28. Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 7⅝c; mild quiet; Cordova 8@12½c. Sugar—Raw steady but quiet; fair refining 3⅜c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅛c; molasses sugar 3⅜c; refined quiet; standard A $5 30; confectioners' A $5 30; cut loaf $6 00; crushed $6 00; powdered $5 60; granulated $5 50; cubes $5 75; mould A $5 85.

CHICAGO, Feb 23 — Wheat and corn were moderately active to day and closed strong, the former ⅛@½c higher and the latter ⅛@½c improved. Oats closed ⅛@⅛ up and provisions unchanged to 10c higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Cash quotations: Flour quiet; winter patents $3 60@3 80; winter straights $3 20@3 60; winter clears $2 60@3 30; spring specials $4 20@4 30; do. patents $3 50@3 70, baker's $3 20@2 50; straights $3 00@3 35. Wheat—No. 2 spring —c; No 3 spring 67⅛@72½c; No. 2 red 75⅛c. Corn—No. 2, 40c. Oats—No 2 25¾@26⅛c; No. 3 white 28¼@29c; No. 3 white 27¼@28⅜c. Pork, per barrel, $14 00@14 05. Lard, per 100 lbs, $7 47½@7 50. Short rib sides, loose, $7 00@7 25. Dry salted shoulders, $6 25@6 50. Short clear sides, boxed $7 40@7 60. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No 2 February 74¼, 74¾, 74¼, 74⅜@74¾c; March 74¾, 74¾, 74¾, 74⅜@74½c; May 76@75⅞, 76¾, 75⅞@76, 76⅛@76⅛c. Corn—February 39c; March 39⅝, 39⅞, 39⅛, 39⅞; May 40⅛@41, 41⅜, 40¾, 41⅛c. Oats—February 24⅝c; May 25⅛@25¾, 25⅞@26, 25⅝@25¾, 25⅞c. Pork, per bbl—February $14 00; May $14 07½, 14 17½, 14 07½, 14 15. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $7 47½; July $7 52½, 7 55, 7 52½, 7 52½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—February $7 07½; May $7 07½, 7 12½, 7 07½, 7 12½; September $7 20, 7 25, 7 20, 7 25.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, February 23, 1 P. M.—Cotton—Spot quiet, prices 1 32d higher; American middling fair 5 25-32d; good middling 5⅛d; middling 5 11 32d; low middling 5 5 32d; good ordinary 4 29 32d; ordinary 4 21 32d. The sales of the day were 6,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 5,700 bales American. Receipts 2,000 bales, including 1,600 American.

Futures opened and closed quiet. American middling (l. m. c.) February 5 18 64@5 19 64d seller; February and March 5 15-64@5 16 64d seller; March and April 5 14 64@5 15 64d seller; April and May 5 13 64d value; May and June 5 12 64d seller; June and July 5 10 64d buyer; July and August 5 8 64d buyer; August and September 4 60 64d seller; September 4 50 64d seller; October (g. o. c) 4 38 64@4 39 64d nominal; October and November 4 31 64@4 32 64d nominal.

MARINE.

CLEARED.

Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, James Madden.

Swd barque Bertha, Peterson, Stettin, Germany, Heide & Co.

Clyde steamship Oneida, Staples, New York, H G Smallbones.

Schr Helen Shafner, Chute, Marcoris, S D, George Harriss, Son & Co.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

STETTIN—Swd barque Bertha, 5,390 barrels rosin, valued at $8,189 64; cargo by S P Shotter Company; vessel by Heide & Co.

MARCORIS—Schr Helen Shafner, 157 598 feet pitch pine lumber, valued at $2,048; cargo by Chadbourn Lumber Company; vessel by George Harriss, Son & Co.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK — Clyde steamship Oneida, 800 bales cotton, 53 casks spirits, 80 barrels rosin, 716 barrels tar, 50 barrels crude, 1,523 feet lumber, 10 barrels pitch, 93 packages cotton goods; cargo by various consignees; vessel by H G Smallbones.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 21, 1901.

SCHOONERS.

Laguna, 328 tons, Bayles, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Edgar C Ross, 380 tons, Quilan, George Harriss, Son & Co.

J Howell Leeds, 152 tons, Bateman, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Lillie, (Br) 311 tons, Davis, George Harriss, Son & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Oaklands, (Br) 1,252 tons, Granger, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

BARQUES.

Albatros, (Nor) 491 tons, Rasmussen, Heide & Co.

Chas Loring (Am) 525 tons, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BRIGS.

M C Haskell, 299 tons, Wingfield, George Harriss, Son & Co.

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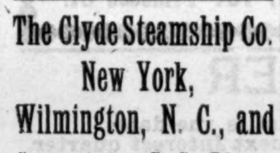

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ZEB WAS IN A HOLE.

HE WENT AFTER WHISKY AND FOUND A BIG BEAR.

The Old Possum Hunter Tells How It Came to Pass That He Developed a Most Wonderful Interest In Noah and the Animals In the Ark.

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"Jest befo' the revenue fellers captured the last moonshine still around yere," said the old possum hunter of Tennessee, "we had fo'teen kegs of whisky in the shaft of an old iron mine on the side of the mounting. That shaft was 20 feet deep and grown about by bushes. Arter the whisky had staid thar over two years it was planned fur me to take it out and sell it and divide up the money. The old woman knew of the plant, but I wasn't goin to say nuthin 'bout my gettin the kegs out. She was reckonin all along that some one else would do that. One arternoon I driv the mule and cart as nigh the place as I could, and along 'bout two hours arter nightfall I says to the old woman:

"'If yo' don't consider to object, I reckon I'll go over and see Dan Skinner this evenin. Dan is feelin peekish and lonesome, and likely we'll hev a game of checkers to brighten him up.'

"'But I do object,' she says. 'I was reckonin to sing some hymns tonight

"THE B'AR WAS THAR."

while yo' played the fiddle. I also want to talk to yo' 'bout Noer and his ark.'

"'I've got a sore thumb and can't fiddle, and, as fur Noer, he will keep till some other time. Nuthin rushin 'bout Noer.'

"With that she turns on me and looks me squar in the face, and arter a minit she says:

"'Zeb White, don't yo' go to foolin with Noer and his ark or sunthin powerful bad will come out of it. Dan Skinner may feel peekish, or he may be dyin, but what we wants to know is how all them critters found their way into the ark. How did it happen that the hens didn't eat up the tater bugs while they was walkin together?'

"'Dunno.'

"'Why didn't the foxes eat all the hens?'

"'Dunno.'

"'Why didn't the b'ars eat the pigs?'

"'Dunno.'

"'Of co'se yo' don't, and that's why I want yo' to squat right down yere with me and try and figger it out. I shan't never be satisfied to die till I find out how the elephants and hosses and cattle managed to git into that ark without treadin on the sarpints and bugs.'

"I seen that her jaw was sot fur a row," continued Zeb, "but I had sold that whisky and must git it out that night, and so I told her I'd go along over to Skinner's and put in the next two nights with her on Noer. She looked at me ag'in, but didn't say nuthin till I was on the doahstep. Then she p'inted her finger at me and said:

"'Go right along, Zeb White, but if the Lawd don't dun git yo' into a heap of trubble over it then I don't know chestnuts from punkins!'

"I hurried off without sayin anything back and half an hour later was bringin up the kegs. It was dod rotted bizness. I had to slide down a rope, hitch on to a keg and then climb up and pull the keg arter me. Ought to had a nigger to help me, but thar wasn't one around to trust. I'd got up fo' kegs all right and was comin up to pull the fifth one up when sunthin happened. Jest as I was nearin the top of the hole I heard a growl and a 'whoof' and a big b'ar made a stroke at my head with his paw. I was that durn skeered that I jest let go and drapped to the bottom of the shaft and got a jar that made my bones ache fur a week.

"What they calls the situashun was this: I was down in a hole and a b'ar was waitin fur me to come up and do bizness with him. Yo' kin see that the pesky varmint had all the advantage. He could smash my skull with one blow of his paw as my head come within reach. I yelled and hollered at him, thinkin to skeer him away, but he looked over the edge of the hole at me and growled and sniffed and seemed minded to fall on top of me. It wasn't five minits befo' I wished I was home talkin 'bout Noer, but wishin was no good. I kept quiet fur two or three hours and then started to climb up. The b'ar was thar. He was thar at midnight and sunrise, and I'm tellin yo' that he was thar at noon and at fo' o'clock in the arternoon. The shaft was as dry as a bone, and I was thirsty 'nuff to drink swamp water. The way things was fixed that b'ar could keep me down thar till I perished, and when he appeared as if he was like to do it I felt that I hadn't used my old woman right and wanted to ask her to furgive me. 'Bout fo' o'clock, while I was keepin mighty quiet, I hears a rifle shot above, and directly arterward a human face looks down on me. It was the old woman's. She drawed the rope up beyand my reach and then called down:

"'Is anybody down thar visitin Dan Skinner who feels peekish and wants to play checkers?'

"'If yo'll lemme up, I'll ax yo'r pardon,' says I.

"'Mebbe that voice belongs to Zeb White?'

"'She do.'

"'And mebbe his sore thumb has got well so that he kin fiddle?'

"'She has.'

"'Then we'll hev some fiddlin and singin.'

"And with that she lowers the fiddle by a string, and as soon as I got tuned up she began singin and kept it up fur an hour. Then she calls down:

"'Zeb, what about Noer and his ark?'

"'I'm willin to talk,' says I.

"'How long will yo' talk?'

"'All the rest of the fall and winter. 'Peared to me when yo' spoke of it last evenin that I didn't keer much 'bout Noer and his ark, but I'm findin out that I take a heap of interest in 'em. I'm willin to sit up all night and try to figger out 'bout the hens and tater bugs.'

"'Then mebbe yo'd better come up,' says she, and she draps the rope fur me to climb by. I never felt so glad in my life as when I got out and seen a dead b'ar thar. I wanted to gin the old woman a kiss, but she waves me off and says:

"'Don't yo' be in sich a hurry, Mr. White. Arter yo' hev ate and drank and slept, and arter we've put in 'bout fo' weeks figgerin on Noer, we'll see 'bout the kissin bizness. Chuck them kegs back into the hole, load up the b'ar, and we'll go home.'" M. QUAD.

BET ON ALL THREE.

A Brilliant Scheme With Which to Beat the Shell Game.

When Herr Hopf and his little blue pitcher appeared in the corner exchange, there was quite a crowd. Among them was a man with three walnut shells and a pea.

"I've been losing at all the fairs," said the shell man, "but just to show my generosity I am willing to lose again. I bet any man a dollar that he can't pick out the shell that the pea is under."

Herr Hopf fished a bright silver dollar from his pocket.

"I bet vonce too."

The shell man arranged the shells, and the Teuton lifted one. Of course it was empty.

"You lose!"

"Vonce again, yah!"

There was a quick movement, and Herr Hopf saw the pea slide under the shell. He lifted that one, but it was empty.

"Is der a limit?"

"No, sir."

"Vell, I bet on each shell."

He placed a dollar on each of the three shells.

"Now, I can't lose."

"You are right!" And the dealer again arranged the shells. The Teuton picked up two empty shells and found the pea under the third.

"I vin."

"You win!" And the shell man took in the $3 and handed the winner $2.

"I blay vonce again."

There was a movement of shells, and again the dealer took in $3 and gave Herr Hopf $2. Then some one whistled, and the shell man vanished through the door.

"I vin steady. He vas blay no more," and even missing the dollars could not convince Herr Hopf that he had not been winning.—Chicago News.

[...]ful Man.

Two men were standing together in a postoffice. One of them happened to notice that a postcard held in the fingers of the other was addressed to the holder.

"Why, what does this mean?" he asked. "Do you address letters to yourself?"

"In this case, yes," was the answer.

"That's funny."

"Well, not so very. See the other side."

He held it up, and the other side read: "Brother Blank—There will be a meeting of the I. O. O. S. B., No. 387, at the hall tonight to transact special business. Members not present will be fined $10. J. B., secretary."

"Yes, but I don't exactly catch on," protested the innocent.

"Oh, you don't? Well, I got the cards printed myself. The society is all a myth. When I want to go out of an evening, I direct one of these cards to my house. I reach home, and my wife hands it to me with a sigh. I offer to stay home and stand the fine of 2 guineas, but of course she won't allow that. That's all, my friend, except that the scheme is worked by hundreds of others, and the poor, deluded wives haven't tumbled to it yet."

Unexpected Opposition.

While Lord Kitchener was engaged in suppressing the Prieska rebellion he ordered the destruction of a certain farmhouse. Not seeing any signs of his orders being carried out, he rode over with his staff and found an interesting situation.

In the doorway of the doomed farmhouse stood a pretty young Dutch girl, her hands clasping the doorposts and her eyes flashing fire from beneath her dainty sunbonnet. The Irish sergeant in charge of the party of destruction was vainly endeavoring to persuade her to let them pass in, but to all his blandishments of "Arrah darlint, wisha now, acushla," etc., the maiden turned a deaf ear, and a deadlock prevailed.

Kitchener's sharp "What's this?" put a climax to the scene.

The girl evidently guessed that this was the dreaded chief of staff, and her lips trembled in spite of herself.

Kitchener gazed sourly at her, standing bravely though tearfully there, and turned to his military secretary. "Put down," he growled, "that the commander's orders with reference to the destruction of Rightman's farm could not be carried out owing to unexpected opposition. Forward, gentlemen."—London News.

Ten million dollars annually is expended in London for umbrellas. The people there are accustomed to carry them whether it is raining or not and in all sorts of weather.

The ill doing of a good thing is a very great evil.

THE TROTTING CIRCUIT.

Walnut Hall, 2:20¼, is the fastest 2-year-old trotter for 1900.

Ed Geers considers Charley Herr the greatest trotting horse of America.

Coney, world's wagon record holder, was sold for $1,500 last November.

The fastest heat in the Transylvania last year was that of Peter the Great in 2:08½.

Fereno's record heat in 2:10¾ is the fastest ever trotted in the Kentucky Futurity.

Cresceus trotted a quarter in 28¾ seconds—a 1:55 gait—at Cleveland the other day.

Fereno, 2:10¾, is the fastest 3-year-old for 1900 and is out of an undeveloped mare.

Among the new 2:10 trotters with former records Contralto, 2:10, had the lowest, 2:28¾.

Cresceus was named after one of the most famous Roman charioteers at the time of Cæsar.

Boralma, 2:08, is the first trotter to win both the Futurity and the Transylvania at Lexington.

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Conner's first heat in 2:03¼ is the fastest for the Tennessee stake ever paced, the best previous record being that of Hal B in 2:06 in 1899.

C. L. Barber of Lansing, Mich., has a yearling filly by Hal Dillard, 2:04¾, that has stepped quarters in 40 seconds with four weeks' handling.

One lot of 8,000 Argentina horses cost the British government $40 each and $70 delivered in Africa. This lot proved the best and most serviceable horses in the war.—Horseman.

Watering the Cow.

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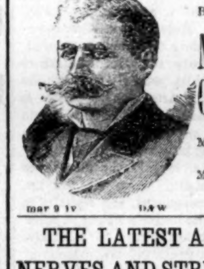

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$215,120.96	Capital stock	$30,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	404.20	Profits less expenses and taxes paid	4,143.94
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Other trains arrive at Hamlet as follows: Train 402 from Atlanta, Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton, Charlotte and Monroe at 9:05 P. M.; train No. 41 from Portsmouth at 7:40 P. M.; train No. 27 from Richmond and points North at 7.55 P. M.; train No. 44 from Columbia and points south at 9 05 P. M., and train No. 41 from Columbia and points South at 9 00 A. M.

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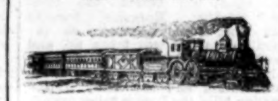

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P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro........	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston........	10 12	....
5 40	5 50	Newbern........	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.10 A. M., Warsaw 11.24 A. M., Goldsboro 12.21 P. M., Wilson 1.18 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.48 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.22 P. M., Petersburg 6.28 P. M., Richmond 7.22 P. M., Norfolk 5.25 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M. Baltimore 1.03 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.34 P. M., Warsaw 8.43 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 6.46 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.23 P. M., Weldon 1.20 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 3.10 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.20 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 2.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.58 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M., Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.12 P. M., Columbia 10.35 P. M., Denmark 5.55 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 2.45 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 11.10 A. M., Tampa 6.45 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.25 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.53 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.48 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4.22 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY 9.20 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 8.55 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.12 P. M., Richmond 6.57 P. M., Petersburg 7.45 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.10 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.15 A. M. Leave Wilson 5.57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.45 A. M., Warsaw 7.38 A. M., Magnolia 7.51 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.25 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.50 A. M., Sanford 2.20 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.30 A. M., Charleston 6.48 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.29 P. M., Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.05 P. M., Florence 9.55 A. M., Marion 10.35 A. M., Chadbourn 11.41 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.12 P. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.25 P. M. No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.05 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.20 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.05 A. M. Maxton 9.05 A. M., Red Springs 9.51 A. M., Parkton 10.41 A. M., Hope Mills 10.55 A. M. arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.45 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.16 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10.18 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.17 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C., Branch leaves Goldsboro, daily except Sunday, 5.00 A. M.; arriving Smithfield, N. C., 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 8.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 2.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.20 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.20 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 11.45 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M. 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.25 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6.45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.31 A. M., Dillon 10.42 A. M., Rowland 10.58 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.06 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.28 P. M., Latta 6.42 P. M., Pee Dee 7.08 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.15 A. M. Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 7.35 P. M., Manning 6.04 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.43 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.02 A. M., Manning 8.47 A. M.; arrive Sumter 10.55 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 5.40 A. M., †7.00 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10 A. M., †8.20 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.30 A. M.; †4.15 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.00 A. M.; †5.35 P. M.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.25 P. M., Bennettsville 9.22 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.50 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M.

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Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.59 P. M., 10.40 P. M., arrive Selma 2.48 P. M. 11.18 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 12.32 A. M., Rowland 6.06 P. M., returning leave Rowland 10.58 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 10.22 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 11.35 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M. 12.13 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.00 A. M., Creston 4.52 A. M., arrive Denmark 5.55 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.35 P. M., Creston 5.54 P. M. Sumter 6.24 P. M. Daily.

Trains leave Elliott 7.30 P. M., and arrive Lucknow 9.55 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 7.30 A. M.; arrive Elliotts 2.20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

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By Telegraph to the Morning Star

ATLANTA, February 23.—The Southern States, from Texas to the Atlantic coast, were given their first taste of winter last night and to-day, snow falling in many places from Charleston, S. C., to Central and Northern Texas, and almost to the Gulf. The storm, which was over the West Gulf coast last night, moved rapidly to the east during the night and was central to-day over Northern Florida. The line of freezing temperature, as reported by the local Weather Bureau to day, extended to the southern portion of Georgia and to the coast of Alabama and Louisiana. In some portions of the South the snow storm was brought on the wings of high northwesterly winds, which wrecked telegraph poles and telephone communication.

The heaviest snowfall recorded was at La Grange, Ga., where the precipitation was ten inches. At Birmingham, Ala., there was about six inches; Montgomery reported a similar depth and very cold weather; Southern Mississippi reported the first snow in some places in two years. The precipitation at Dallas, was three inches, and in Northwestern Texas from three to six inches. The snow is of great benefit to growing wheat but is feared will cause severe loss in live stock.

In Atlanta snow began falling last night and by 10 o'clock to day the ground was covered to a depth of five inches. All trains were from twenty minutes to three hours late, causing a consequent delay to mails. The street car companies called out their men at 2 o'clock this morning and put their cars in service for the purpose of keeping their tracks open. This served in a measure to avert a complete suspension of service this morning. Colder weather is predicted for to-night.

MRS. CARRIE NATION

Threatens to Sue the County for Damages for Keeping Her in Jail at Topeka, Kansas

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TOPEKA, KANS., February 25.—Mrs Carrie E. Nation threatens to sue this county for damages for keeping her in jail in Topeka.

She said to-day: "If am not released immediately I will sue. The public knows, the officers of the law know, that I am confined illegally. Personally, I prefer to stay in jail. I need rest. I desire quiet for a little while. It is pleasant where I am, but I will not permit that the county shall confine me in jail on a charge of violating the law. I shall sue the county for heavy damages. On February 26th I am billed for a lecture and about the same time I am to edit a paper in Peoria, Ill. For the money that has been promised me for these services I shall sue the county." Several persons, among them her brother, have offered to provide bail, but this Mrs. Nation refuses.

A CARRIE NATION CRUSADE

May Be Inaugurated in New York City Against Gambling Houses.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 23.—Magistrate Leroy Crane, in Harlem Court, to day, advised the police department to inaugurate a "Carrie Nation" crusade against the gambling houses.

"Clean them out from cellar to roof. Leave nothing standing but the four walls," said the magistrate. "It may not be legal, but the police power is supreme. Such action by them would be supported by the people of the State."

Captain Flood, in command of the East One Hundred and Twenty sixth street station, ordered his men to follow the magistrate's instructions

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, February 22nd, 1901.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 23.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending Feb. 15, 1901:

	1901.	1900.
Net receipts at all U. S ports during the week.....	121,677	181,589
Total receipts to this date.....	5,723 494	5,327 622
Exports for week..	145,599	221,836
Total exports to date.....	4,276,433	3,796,283
Stock in all U. S. ports.....	873,328	1,017,803
Stock at all interior towns.....	682 998	518 071
Stock in Liverpool, American afloat for Great Britain.....	747,000	660,000
	139,000	190,000

By an explosion in one of the buildings at the city gas works, Richmond, Va., Mr. Mortimer Hogan was killed, one end of the building was blown out, and six men were injured, but none seriously.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

THE MODERN WAY

Commends itself to the well-informed, to do pleasantly and effectually what was formerly done in the crudest manner and disagreeably as well. To cleanse the system and break up colds, headaches, and fevers without unpleasant after effects, use the delightful liquid laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs. Made by California Fig Syrup Co.

Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement, "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."—Rev. Francis W. Poole, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Helena, Mont.

AFTER USING Ely's Cream Balm for six weeks I believe myself cured of catarrh.—Joseph Stewart, Grand avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at 50 cents or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren street, New York.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

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NICARAGUA BILL IN THE SENATE.

Forced to the Front Through Senator Morgan's Skill But Again Displaced.

OTHER IMPORTANT MEASURES

The Fortification Bill Passed and the Army Bill Debated—Provision Made for Charleston and St. Louis Expositions.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, February 23.—The Senate to day passed the bill which releases the appropriation of $5 000,000 for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1903. It was amended by providing an appropriation of $250,000 for a government exhibit at the Charleston Exposition to be held next December. Before the bill passed amendments were adopted closing both expositions on Sunday.

By a skillful parliamentry move Senator Morgan forced the Nicaragua canal bill to the consideration of the Senate, after that measure had been sleeping for many weeks. By a close reading of the proceedings yesterday, Senator Morgan discovered that the Oleomargerine bill had lost its position as the unfinished business of the Senate and with the calendar thus cleared the Nicaragua canal bill regained the status it held over two months ago as the unfinished business of the Senate. Senator Morgan's tactics created something of a sensation, which was heightened when the presiding officer sustained his position and laid the canal bill before the Senate. Senator Morgan's success was short lived, however, as the Fortification bill was taken up, and the Shipping bill takes its place on the calendar. The day was given to the Fortification and the Army Appropriation bills, the former being passed. Considerable personality was indulged in during the debates. The day closed with eulogies on the late Representatives H. Haecker of Delaware, Wise of Virginia and Daly of New Jersey.

Senator Pettigrew created a laugh during the presentation of morning business by proposing an amendment to the Army Appropriation bill, reading: "And that the title of the President shall hereafter be the President of the so called Republic of the United States and the Emperor of the Islands of the Sea."

Senator Butler jocularly asked if the coming inauguration ceremonies were taking into account this imperial regime.

"Yes, everything will be conducted with due pomp," replied Senator Pettigrew.

"The Senator from South Dakota (Pettigrew) and the Senator from North Carolina (Butler) and myself should not feel concerned about such matters," injected Senator Chandler, "for none of us will be here."

Senator Chandler's reference to the speedy retirement of himself and Messrs. Pettigrew and Butler raised another laughter.

Bills were passed as follows: Authorizing a street car bridge across the Alabama river at Montgomery, Ala., appropriating $5,000 for the burial piace of General Daniel Morgan at Winchester, Va.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day adopted a resolution to investigate the pay of its employes as a result of the condition of affairs ascertained last Thursday during the debate on the Deficiency bill and the Speaker appointed a committee, consisting of Mr. Moody of Massachusetts, Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, Mr. Long of Kansas, Mr. Bailey of Texas, and Mr. Newlands of Nevada, to make the investigation.

The resolution to investigate the pay of House employes is as follows:

"That the Speaker of the House shall immediately appoint a committee consisting of five members, not more than three of whom shall belong to the same political party, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the appointment of any payments to employes of the House and report all che facts to the House within six days after its appointment. And said committee shall be given power to send for persons and papers and administer oaths and all expenses shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House."

The Agricultural Appropriation bill with Senate amendments was presented to the House. The amendment, except that appropriating $100,000 additional for seeds and those applying to the reorganization of the bureaus of the Agricultural Department were disagreed to. The two amendments except were adopted, after considerable discussion.

The House further insisted upon its disagreement to the Senate amendments to the Military Academy Appropriation bill and sent the bill back to conference. Similar action was taken upon the Indian Appropriation bill. The Senate amendments to the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill were disagreed to and the House ordered a conference thereon. Messrs. Hitt, Illinois; Adams, Pennsylvania; and Dinsmore, Arkansas, were appointed conferees. The Senate amendments to the Postoffice Appropriation bill were also disagreed to and the bill went to conference. Messrs. Loud, California; Smith, Illinois; and Atkinson, Virginia, were appointed managers on the part of the House.

The House then went into committee of the whole and took up the consideration of the bill to increase the efficiency of the revenue cutter service. Without action on the bill the committee rose.

The Senate amendments to the St. Louis Exposition bill were called up and before action could be secured upon them the hour of 4 o'clock arrived. Public business was suspended to permit the House to pay tribute to the memory of the late Representative Frank H. Clarke, of New Hampshire and the late Representative Albert D Shaw, of New York.

At the conclusion of the eulogies the House at 6 P. M adjourned.

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1900: Galveston, 1,585 524 bales; New Orleans, 1,890,525; Mobile, 118 209; Savannah, 851,523; Charleston, 200 077; Wilmington, 240,576; Norfolk, 312,674; Baltimore, 46,613; New York, 116,382; Boston, 164,990; Newport News, 18,119; Philadelphia, 15 705; Brunswick, 56,654; Port Arthur, 7,567. Pensacola, 98,383. Total, 5,723,494 bales.

Volcanic Eruptions

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SENATORS CONSIDERING RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

Propositions Embodied in a Proposed Amendment to the Army Appropriation Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 23.—The Senate Committee on Relations with Cuba met to-day to consider a proposed amendment to the Army Appropriation bill providing for a disposition of Cuban affairs. The proposition was prepared by the Republican members of the committee and is said to be satisfactory to most of them.

The proposed amendment recites the so-called Teller amendment to the Spanish war resolutions, and then gives the President authority to withdraw the troops from Cuba when in his judgment the provisions of the Teller amendment are realized.

The propositions embodied in the proposed amendment include the following points:

That the United States shall have supervision of all treaties with foreign countries made by the republic of Cuba.

That Cuba shall not undertake to pay the debt incurred by Spain in her war with Cuba prior to or after the intervention of the United States.

That Cuba shall agree either to lease or to sell to the United States such coaling or naval stations as in the opinion of the United States may be necessary to the protection of the interests of this country.

That the United States shall have sufficient supervision of the laws of Cuba relating to sanitation to protect this country from epidemics liable to originate there.

The idea is that these provisions shall be included in a treaty to be made with Cuba, but that they need not be a part of the constitution It is understood that the draft of the amendment containing these provisions was submitted to the President and the secretary of war, and that they expressed themselves approving of their wording.

The minority members of the committee expressed themselves willing to come to an understanding upon these general lines. Indeed, some of the most important suggestions were made by the minority, Senator Butler, North Carolina, being one of the foremost movers in the matter. They insist, however, upon many verbal amendments, thus evincing a determination to aid in giving form to the provision as well as suggesting its general tenor.

When the committee adjourned to day there was still important differences to be reconciled, and the members separated with the understanding that another meeting would be held on Monday.

Members on both sides of the committee express the hope that an agreement would be reached, but all said that the proceedings had not gone far enough to render it certain that the result would be attained.

One prominent point to which the committee is giving special attention, although that point may not be emphasized or even mentioned, in the proposed amendment, is the relation of Cuba to the Isle of Pines. There is some disposition among the Cubans to hold on to that island so near to their shores, while there is apparently disposition on the part of the United States to release that possession, on the ground that the island was acquired as a result of the Spanish war.

There is also more or less contention over the exact meaning of the word "pacification," as used in the Teller resolution. That resolution provided that the United States forces should be removed from the island when it should become "pacified." The contention is that this is a word that may be broadly interpreted, and may permit the United States troops to remain for a long period of time.

Apparently all the members of the committee unite in the opinion that there would be no possibility of withdrawing the American forces until after the election and installation of Cuban officials under the new constitution.

There will be an effort to report the amendment Monday or Tuesday, as there is a general desire to have it become a part of the Army Appropriation bill, the consideration of which has already begun in the Senate.

CONGER COMING HOME

Will Leave Pekin Immediately for This Country on Leave of Absence.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, February 23.—Minister Conger will leave Pekin immediately for this country on sixty days leave of absence. Commissioner Rockhill will have full power to conduct the negotiations now in progress.

Mr. Conger returns of his own initiative. For some time past he has been anxious to go back to Iowa, but the opportunity has not presented itself until this moment. Now that the foreign ministers have settled satisfactorily the question of punishment of the offending Chinese officials and a new subject is to be taken up, it will be easy to pass the negotiations into Mr. Rockhill's hands without sacrificing any points. It was Mr. Conger's own suggestion that Mr. Rockhill be placed in charge.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Our government has now received assurances from nearly all the Powers represented by military forces at Pekin of their entire agreement with the United States government as to the inexpediency of resuming offensive military operations in China while the peace negotiations are in progress. Much apprehension is felt here as to the outcome of the negotiations on the next point, the amount and manner of payment of indemnities.

THE REUNION AT MEMPHIS.

President McKinley's Reply to an Invitation from Confederate Veterans of Forest's Command.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Feb. 23.—Recently there was published from Lieut. T. W Allen, Collierville, Tenn., a communication in which he suggested that one thousand or more of Forest's Veteran Cavalry be organized and mounted in order to participate in the reunion of Confederate veterans to take place in Memphis next May. Mr. Allen, who was a member of General Forest's command during the war, sent the article to President McKinley, writing him a few lines urging him to come to Memphis on the occasion of the reunion, and received the following reply:

"*Executive Mansion, Washington, D C., Feb. 18, 1901*—My Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant and to thank you in the President's behalf for your kindness in calling attention to the matter of which you write.

"It is, of course, impossible to say so far in advance whether the President's duties will admit of his being away from Washington at the time you mention, but I assure you that your courteous letter is much appreciated.

"Very truly yours,

"GEORGE B. CORTELYOU,

"Secretary to the Prest.

CHINESE IMPERIAL EDICTS

Fully Comply With the Punishments Demanded by the Foreign Envoys. Executions Ordered.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A dispatch from Pekin, dated 23rd, says: "The court's edict was received to day and communicated to the ministers. It fully complies with the punishments originally demanded except in the cases of Chao Shu Chiao and Ying Nien who are condemned to suicide. The executions have been ordered for February 24th.

German Troops Attacked.

TIEN TSIN, February 23.—Several hundred imperial Chinese troops attacked fifty Germans, west of Poa Ting-Fu, February 21st. The Germans were hard pressed, fought a rear guard action and eventually drove the Chinese back. The Germans had one man killed and seven wounded. It is estimated that the Chinese lost two hundred in killed and wounded.

The Latest Edict.

SHAN GHAI, Feb. 23.—The latest edict of the Chinese court expresses the desire that Chi-Hsien and Hsu-Cheng-Yu, now in the hands of the Powers, be handed over for immediate execution.

Native newspapers assert that Li Hung Chang has telegraphed that the negotiations are at a deadlock and that he has memorialized the throne admitting his inability to arrive at a settlement, and offering himself for punishment in accordance with Chinese custom.

The Emperor has sent to Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang the draft of the proposed future court etiquette for the approval of the ministers of the Powers.

The Forbidden City.

PEKIN, Feb. 23.—Sir Robert Hart (chief of the Chinese Imperial customs), has sent the ministers of the Powers a strongly worded letter of protest against the seizure of his property, to increase the size of the legations' area, which has been taken by Austria, France, Germany and Italy.

General Yamaguichi, the Japanese commander, and General Chaffee have issued orders permitting visitors, properly accredited, to visit the Forbidden city on certain days, during certain hours, and that foreign generals and their personal friends can visit the city at any time. The foreign ministers consider themselves slighted.

The principal topic, the court edict regarding the punishments, was discussed at yesterday's meeting of the ministers and to-day's meeting was short, owing to the ministers awaiting the full text of the Chinese court's last edicts, which, though officially reported as absolute, require official confirmation.

STEAMER RIO DE JANEIRO.

Further Particulars of the Disaster at the Golden Gate—The Loss of Life—Value of the Cargo.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—So far as can be ascertained from reliable data one hundred and twenty-eight lives were lost in the wreck of the Pacific Mail steamer City of Rio de Janeiro Some fishermen early this morning found a pocket containing the papers of Purser Rooney. Among them was the passenger list and a bunch of cancelled passenger tickets and as there were names on the list whose cancelled passenger tickets did not appear among those recovered, it is assumed that they laid over either at Yokohoma, Kobe or Honolulu. That they were not on the vessel at the time she went down is certain.

The value of the cargo of the Rio de Janeiro has not been determined, owing to the absence of important papers, but it is variously estimated at from $300,000 to $600,000 The cargo consisted principally of silk, tea, rice and other Oriental products. There was no treasurer aboard as was at first reported

Of the 200 sacks of mail carried by the Rio only twelve have come to the surface.

The investigation into the loss of the steamer probably will be held next Monday.

During the past fifty years the Pacific Mail Steamship Company has lost nineteen of its fleet.

Freight Clerk Englehart, of the Rio, who was saved, said to-day that Capt Ward could not have locked himself in his cabin. "The last I saw of Capt. Ward," he said, "he was standing on the bridge and was tying the rope of the whistle to the rail. This was done to keep the whistle blowing all the time. I am sure that the ship sank so quickly that Capt. Ward did not have time to reach the cabin."

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION

Calling a Special Session of the Senate for Executive Purposes to Convene on March 4th

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 23.—The President to-day issued a proclamation calling a special session of the Senate for executive purposes, immediately upon the dissolution of the present Congaess, March 4th.

The text of the proclamation is as follows:

"Whereas, public interest requires that the Senate of the United States be convened at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March next, to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive.

"Now, therefore, I, William McKinley, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene at the capitol in the city of Washington, on the fourth day of March next, at 12 o'clock, at which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the United States at Washington, the 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and one, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-fifth.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY."

It is reported in Brunswick Ga., that negotiations are pending for the purchase of the Tallulah Falls railroad by the Seaboard Air Line, and eventually resulting in a line from Athens, Ga., to Knoxville, Tenn.

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THE PENDING REVENUE ACT.

As Drafted by the Joint Finance Committee of the N. C. General Assembly.

MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES

Given to the Public in a Summary Prepared by Representative Willard, One of the Framers of the Important Measure.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., February 23.—The Revenue act as drafted by the joint Finance Committee is now in the hands of the State printers. Mr. Willard, who is active in its preparation, gave newspapers to day a summary, of which the following is the gist:

"There has been so much ill advised comment on the Revenue bill, that explanation of its chief provisions may be of interest. Some large taxpayers have gone into hysterics over certain proposed provisions that might possibly be in the nature of a double taxation, when it has been the fixed purpose of the committee to avoid as far as possible anything in the nature of a double tax. One first proposition, looking to this end, made by the writer, (Willard) is that all owners of mortgaged real estate be permitted to deduct the amount of the mortgage on their property from the assessed value when affidavit and certificate from the tax lister be exhibited showing that the mortgage itself is taxed. For certain reasons, which the committee deemed good, it was not thought advisable to adopt this provision at this time.

"Section one of the Revenue bill states the objects for which taxes are levied. There is no change in this old law.

"Section two levies a poll tax of $1.29. On account of the regressive nature of the poll tax, which bears much more heavily on the poor man than a man of means, we supplement it with an inheritance tax on legacies of personal property exceeding $2,000 and an income tax which distributes the burden of taxation somewhat more equally.

"Section three levies a general property tax of twenty one cents for State purposes, four cents for pensions, eighteen cents for schools, an aggregate of forty three cents, the same as last year; the only change being that the amount of pensions is increased from three and one-third to four cents, and the tax for State purposes is reduced twenty-one and two thirds cents to twenty-one cents.

"Section four levies a tax on banks. This section is changed so as to require shares of stock of all banks to be valued by the State auditor, and the State tax to be paid direct to the State treasurer. The auditor is then required to certify to the counties in which stockholders reside, the value of their shares, and the stockholders pay the local tax on that valuation. The tax on shares of non resident stockholders is paid by the bank in the county where the bank is located.

"Section five relates to the machinery for collecting the bank tax.

The next section imposes tax on corporate loans. Nothing new in this tax; it is simply a tax on personal property, which every taxpayer owning any such property always has been required to pay. It changes the method of collecting the tax, making the corporation responsible for it; specifically states that bonds issued by the corporation shall be exempt from all other State taxation in the hands of holders of the same. The same is true in regard to tax on municipal loans. Whenever under the law bonds of counties or cities are subject to State taxation, the treasurer of the county or city is made tax collector, and the individual owning the bonds is then exempt from further taxation on them.

"Tax on building and loan associations is not changed.

"The next section provides for a tax on all corporations except such as are specifically taxed by name under some other section of the law. This is no new tax, but simply steps to secure beyond peradventure taxes always levied but in a great many cases never paid. Every corporation is required to make a statement to the auditor giving only such information as may enable him properly to value the capital stock. After this valuation is made the assessed value of real estate is deducted and the corporation pays the tax to the treasurer of the State.

"The next tax levied is the inheritance or succession tax. A transfer tax imposed on successional, the right of a legatee to take under a will or of collateral distribution in case of intestate. This tax is entirely in the interest of small property owners and is intended as a balance wheel to adjust in some measure the unequal application of the present laws which place necessarily the increased burden we must carry where most easily supported.

"The next section levies an income tax on all incomes over $1,000.

"Schedule B is devoted to license taxes. They are retained substantially in the same form as they heretofore existed.

"Schedule C levies a privilege tax on railroad, telegraph, express and telephone companies. The only material change is the privilege tax on railroads. This has grown out of the agitation in the State Legislature of 1899, and will be a source of considerable revenue to the State.

"In all efforts to frame a proposed revenue law we endeavored to be guided by due regard for the interests of the people; we have endeavored to bring property which heretofore has escaped taxation, upon the tax books; we have tried not to propose any law that would be oppressive to owners of manufacturing establishments, and also tried to keep before us the interests of the great number of taxpayers who occupy tenement houses surrounding factories. We have done the best to make the proposed law work the greatest good to the greatest number."

WARM WIRELETS.

About half an inch of snow fell in Richmond, Va., last night.

Three persons were killed at Goshen, Ind., and several injured by the Wabash west bound passenger train, running into a sleigh filled with people.

A rumor that General DeWet had been captured was put in circulation on the London Stock Exchange yesterday morning but no confirmation of the report could be obtained.

King Edward of England boarded a train at Charing Cross station last night for Port Elizabeth where he will embark on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert for Flushing, en route for Cronberg, whither he goes to pay a visit to the Dowager Empress Frederick.

The weekly statement of the Associated banks shows: Loans $911,800,900; decrease $3,822 100 Deposits $1,009 186,900; decrease $2,142,100 Circulation, $31,225 000; increase $66,400 Legal tenders $73,890,100; increase $1,418 800 Specie, $192 933,300; decrease $260 100. Reserve, increase $1,694,225. Surplus bank reserves in excess of the legal requirements of February 16, $14,546,675.

Heat Radiation.

The tendency of heat to diffuse itself is effected by radiation, conduction and convection. Nearly all dull and dark substances are good radiators, while bright, polished surfaces radiate badly. Some substances conduct heat more freely than others, silver among the metals being the best conductor, and as a unit of measurement is taken at 1,000. Compared with silver as a conductor, gold is 981, copper 845, zinc 641, tin 422, steel 397 and wrought iron 436. Glass, wood, gases, liquids and resinous substances are bad conductors. Water is such a poor conductor that if heat is applied to the top it will boil at the top, while the bottom will remain cold.—Newcastle (England) Chronicle.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It has been estimated that from 90,000 to 100,000 deer feed in the forests of Scotland and that 4,000 stags are killed annually.

During the Galveston storm two women were carried out into the gulf, where they spent Saturday night. Not till the next morning did the tide bring them back to where the rescuing parties could reach them.

An act for the prevention of cruelty to wild animals has just become effective in England. The new law extends the provisions of the act, which has heretofore applied only to domestic animals, to all birds, fishes and reptiles not included in that measure and makes offenders liable to three months' imprisonment or a fine of £5.

An Even Chance.

Bystander—Poor fellow! One of his wounds is fatal, I believe.

Policeman—So it is. But the other man ain't, so he has an even chance.—Philadelphia Press.

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The management is prudent and economical as is shown by the fact that the Association has sustained no losses, and its annual expenses, including taxes, are only about Two Hundred Dollars. J. D. CROOM President.

NOTICE.

Application will be made to the present General Assembly of N. C. for the incorporation of the Colly Drainage Company. feb 13 30 t

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Corporators of the Southport, Wilmington & Western Railroad Company, which was chartered pursuant to articles of association filed on the 2nd day of September, 1899, will apply to the General Assembly of North Carolina at the present session thereof to pass an act to repeal the charter of said company.

FREDERICK M. LEONARD, Attorney.

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PULLEY WANTED.

Wanted, a second-hand eight-inch iron face pulley for countershaft. About six-inch face. Appy at the feb 16 3t STAR OFFICE.

Call Either 'Phone No. 164 Bell or Inter-State or Mail Your Letters to

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Rubber Shoes, Rubber Boots, Men's Mackintoshes and Ladies' Gossamers. In Child's Rubber Shoes, we have about 175 pair we want to close out at 10c a pair. In Misses' and Women's, we have them for 20c, 35c, 50c and 65c. Our 65c Shoe is the same sold elsewhere for 75c—the very best Rubber made

In Rubber Boots, we have all grades in Knee Boots and Hip Boots. We sell the Knee Boot for $2 50 a pair; worth $3 50. Our $5 00 Hip Boot, manufactured by Goodyear Rubber Co., best goods, now $3 50 to close out

In Misses' and Ladies' Gossamers, we can sell them for less than manufacturers' cost. Double cape, full size garment, wool faced and rubber lined, sold for $4 00, we can sell for $2 50.

Fine Blue and Black Cashmere Goods, regular $5 00 and $6 00 garment, we will sell for $3 50.

Men's Mackintoshes, with 36-inch cape, well made, double seam, for $1.50. Same width, 30 inch cape, $1 25

Heavy Men's Wool Caps, with ear laps, for 25c and 50c each.

A line of heavy and light weight Overcoats to close out. We will sell them from $3 00 to $8 00; special price, $5 00 Coats for $3.50, $7 50 ones for $5 00 and $10.00 Coats for $7.50.

We have eighty pair North Carolina Elkin Mill all wool Blankets on hand. We buy our Blankets direct from the mill by case, and we save jobbers' profits on them Can sell you the Blanket that we sold for $4 25, ten quarter size, all wool, for $3.00 a pair net cash. Our Sunset, full size, part wool Blanket that we sold for $1.35, now $1 10 a pair.

Our heavy Camp Blankets, regular price $1 00, now we will sell them for 79c. Heavy Stitched Comforts, full size, goods weighing 5 pounds, we will sell them for 80c each. Our $1 25 Comforts we will sell for $1 10 and our $1 50 Comforts for $1 25.

You may need these goods If you do, it is to your advantage to buy them now. You may not need them before next Winter, but if you buy them now, I will save you 25 per cent. on them. I had rather sell the Goods at cost at this season than to carry them over.

If you are thinking of buying anything for the Spring season I would like to say that I have lots of Spring Goods on hand.

We bought the newest and nicest patterns of designs in Organdies, Lawns and Percales, and early Spring Hats, both wholesale and retail.

We have just received about eighteen cases of men's nice new Spring Hats—the new style Hats for young men in different shades—nice raw edged goods, been selling for $1.50, now we will sell them for $1.00 Also, a nice Black Hat, worth $1 25, for $1 00. We have a big broad 2½ inch brim Hat for farmers, been selling for $1 50, are now $1 00 A big line of Boys' and Girls' Caps for 25c each; something nice, new and stylish.

Remember our Men's and Boys' Winter weight Underwear is going at your own price; a great deal of it for less than cost. From the price I am putting on the Goods, no doubt you will think I am hungry, and I will plead guilty and say that I am hungry for trade.

I want your business. I want it bad. I will offer and give you the very best things that money will buy. Come to the Big Store at 208 and 210 North Front street and buy your Goods at the right price and get a present free. Bring your card and get it punched and join the band of happy Cash Buyers.

Geo. O. Gaylord,

Proprietor of Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

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A. D. Brown.

Remnants of Carpets for less than half price.

To close out we will offer Monday 250 yards of remnants of Tapestry and Ingrain Carpets ranging in lengths from 6¼ to 22 yards in a piece at 45 cents per yard. Formerly sold from 65 to $1.00 per yard. This is a rare opportunity to procure a first class Carpet at half price. Don't hesitate. It is a chance worth jumping at, and the sooner you pick the better you will be pleased.

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